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TERRORISTS ALARM SHANGHAI PUPPETS

Shanghai, To-day.

A secret anti-Japanese Chinese terror organisation is raising alarm among officials of the city administration in Shanghai, three officials having been killed on Monday and Tuesday.

Another was kidnapped because he refused to listen to warnings to resign from the city administration immediately.

A total of 24 city officials have received letters from the terror organisation threatening them with death if they do not give up their posts at once.

Since none of the officials have so far yielded to the warnings, fear prevails that the terror organisation will try to carry out its threats. The kidnapped official was released after paying ransom and promising to resign from the administration.—Trans-Ocean.

I.R.A. THREATEN ARMY CENTRES

London, To-day.

The Irish Republican army threatened yesterday night for the first time that in the near future many military establishments such as barracks, store houses, officers' quarters and exercising halls would be blown up.

Scotland Yard was informed by telephone last night by unknown persons that the next outrage to be carried out, would be on the military training hall, Victoria Square, Bethnal Green.

All buildings near the training establishment are now being kept under close observation.—Trans-Ocean.

MATTER OF HOURS OR DAYS

Paris, To-day.

The appointment of a French plenipotentiary to the Franco Government is expected to be only a matter of hours or days.

The impression is given that in many respects the appointment would, according to the French diplomatic usage, amount to a juridical recognition that the Re-

Refusal of the loyalists to surrender unconditional-ly to General Franco, in spite of the Catalonia collapse and the influence brought to bear by Britain and France to secure peace, creates a dangerous situation, which both countries are straining effort to counteract.

Chief anxiety centres round Minorca, the most northerly of the Balearics, which is still held by forces loyal to the Republicans, and likely to be the next scene of hostilities unless surrender is arranged.

Planes from Majorca have dropped leaflets on the island calling on the population to surrender, and Britain is endeavouring to persuade Franco to occupy the island with purely Spanish troops.

The French attitude is that France could not stand idly aside while Italy, already ensconced in air bases and naval bases on Majorca, took over control also of Minorca.

It will be recalled that recently France threatened to seize Minorca if Italian troops failed to withdraw from Spain.

GAYDA DISTINCTION

Further awkward possibilities in the situation are presented by the distinction drawn by Signor Gayda between a political and a military victory, and the British Ambassador has asked Count Ciano whether the Gayda statement represents the attitude of the Italian Government.

It is pointed out in London that the Gayda "terms" far exceed anything contemplated in the Anglo-Italian agreement.

REALISTIC VIEW

Britain may attempt to take the wind out of Mussolini's sails by formally recognising the Franco Government as the de jure government of Spain. Britain is taking a realistic view of the situation and regards Franco's victory as almost complete and that the time has come for active diplomacy.

publican Government had ceased to exist. It is pointed out that there is a disposition to consider the Republican Government as non-existent, since the majority of Republican Ministers are on French soil.

The real question, of course, is whether it will be possible for the Republican Spanish Government to reconstitute itself at some other place in Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.

TWO BRITISH STEAMERS HELD AT CHEFOO

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned authoritatively that two British coasters, the Ming Sang and Tai Sang, both owned by Jardine's, were detained by the Japanese authorities at Chefoo yesterday.

Detention was allegedly for the purpose of examining the ship's papers.

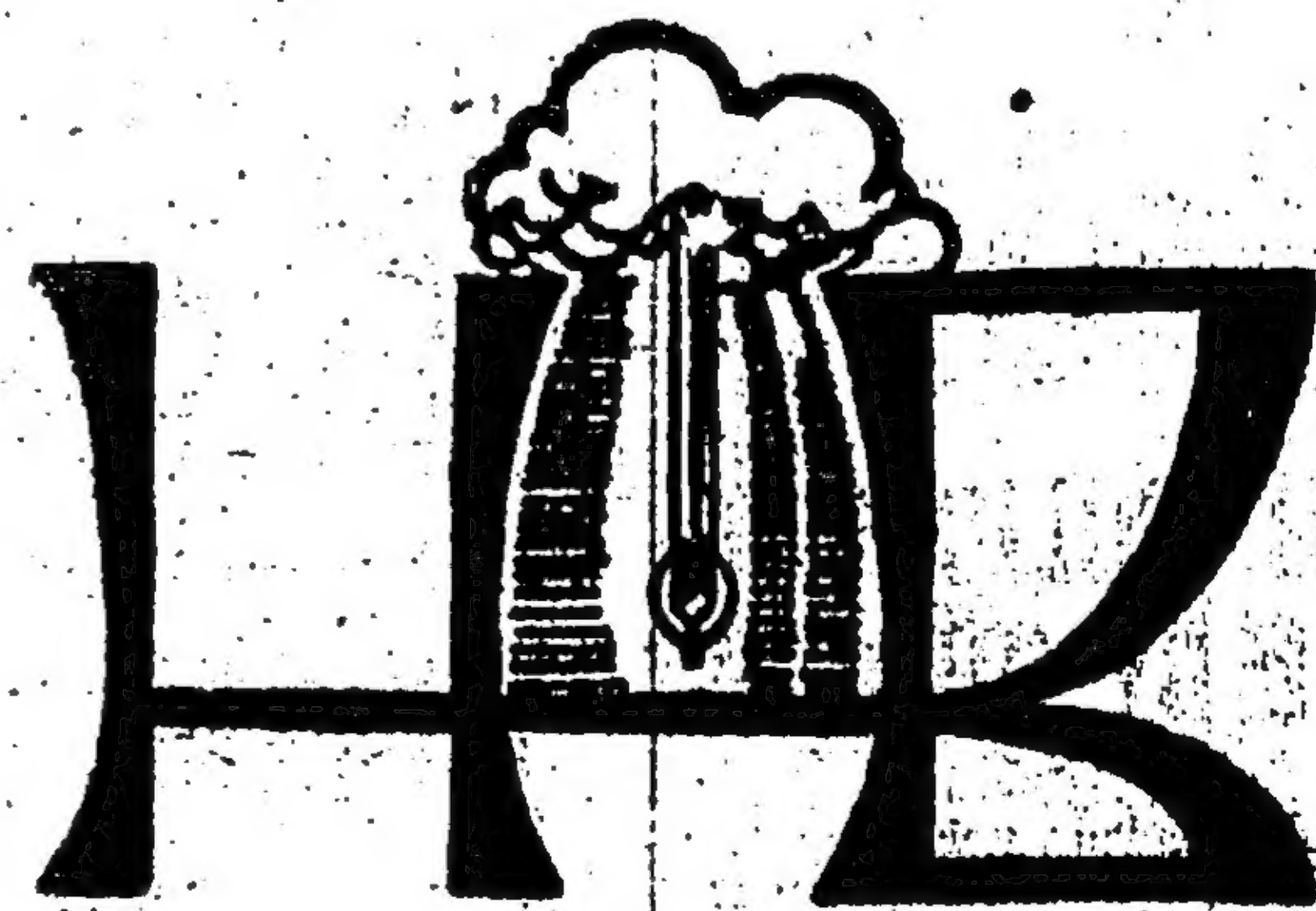
Following representations by the British authorities, the steamers were released after several hours' detention.

The Tai Sang was released last night and the Ming Sang this morning.

The ship's papers are at present being investigated by the British Consul at Chefoo.—Reuter.

from the Labour and Liberal parties, which the Government prefers to handle carefully in view of the possibility of a general election which, it is believed, is again being seriously considered for March.—Trans-Ocean.

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BRITAIN MAY RETURN COLONIES TO GERMANY

Mr. Chamberlain Reported Ready For Discussions

London, Feb. 1.

Mr. Chamberlain, well-informed Conservative quarters declared to-day, is now ready to discuss the transfer to Germany of her former colonies provided that the Reich in return agrees to sign a convention for the limitation of armaments.

This morning's Cabinet session was devoted to Herr Hitler's speech and the Spanish problem.

It was understood that certain members of the Government complained about the erroneous and alarming predictions made at the Foreign Office in regard to the Fuehrer's Reichstag address.

The Cabinet decided in the course of the meeting that it would pursue its policy of appeasement and conciliation, but at the same time would intensify Britain's rearmament.

With regard to Spain: the Ministers proposed to stand by their present policy, it was learned, because reports from Burgos confirmed their conviction that Nationalist victory was certain.

Furthermore, the Ministers were assertedly convinced that Generalissimo Franco, was determined not to tolerate the continued presence of foreign soldiers on Spanish soil once the civil war is over.

Authoritative German quarters to-day rejected any connection between German colonial claims and a more general settlement (says a message from Berlin). The Reich they said, demands the return of its colonies without any counter-part.

It was emphasised here that following Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's speech before the Reichstag last Monday, the colonial problem has become the foremost in the Reich. The link between this question and the "natural aspirations" of the German people was not hidden.

Herr Hitler's admission of difficulties at home was interpreted as marking a change of policy both abroad and in Germany.

Abroad, the argument about the inevitable German economic crisis will be utilised to support the Reich's colonial and commercial claims, it was stated.

At home, this argument will be used to ask the people for further sacrifices, throwing the responsibility for these upon the incomprehension of the "have" nations, the observers concluded.—Havas.

LONDON POLICE TO BE SUED BY JOBLESS

London, February 3. The unusual spectacle of the entire London police force being sued for the theft of a coffin is to be the lot of London residents following the decision of the National Unemployed Movement to have the police up in court for "stealing" a symbolic coffin which a delegation of unemployed sought to introduce in the House of Commons last Tuesday. A deputation of unemployed paraded in front of Scotland Yard to-day with several banners calling upon the Yard to "Cough Up That Coffin."—Havas.

NEW PURSUIT PLANE FOR R.A.F.

London, February 1.

The Royal Air Force has adopted a new type of fast pursuit plane, the "Defiant", a low-winged biplane able to reach an extremely high altitude.

The greatest secrecy is being maintained regarding the craft's characteristics, but it is known that its production has been speeded up to replace older types.—Havas.

ANGLO-GERMAN TRADE TALKS IN NEAR FUTURE

London, To-day.

Formal discussions between the Federation of British Industries and German industries will begin in the near future with a view to devising means to settle trade competition, declared the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Stanley said that with goodwill on both sides it should be possible to solve the problem thus obviating the need for recourse to other methods.

The negotiations will cover competition in neutral markets, including the question of the South-Eastern European markets.—Reuter.

JAPANESE RAIDS

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese planes raided the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway at several points and also bombed Tangyang in Hupeh province where they destroyed barracks in the centre of the town as well as various military establishments in the vicinity in spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire, according to a Japanese report.—Trans-Ocean.



Mr. F. R. Webster, the British record holder of Pole-Vaulting, who was seen out with Hambledon Hounds at their meet at Bishops Waltham, near Winchester. Although, parts of the country was flooded, the riders had a good day's sport.

DR. CHANG PENG-CHUN TALKS CHINA TO CONSERVATIVE M.P.S.

London, To-day.

Dr. Chang Peng-chun, the Chinese publicist, addressed a largely attended meeting of the China sub-committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Conservative Party at the House of Commons yesterday.

Dr. Chang dealt fully with the prospects of China in the new phase of the war which he said was about to begin.

He added that China hitherto had been fighting on the defensive.

The Japanese had failed everywhere to round up and exterminate the Chinese armies, and China now had far more men under arms than at the beginning of the war.

After describing the character of the offensive planned for the coming months, Dr. Chang dealt with the international position.

He pointed out that Japan had lost in force rather than gained by entering China.

Dr. Chang's speech appeared to make a deep impression and he was warmly applauded at the conclusion.—Reuter.

STATE VISIT OF PRES. LEBRUN TO LONDON

London, To-day.

During his State Visit to London, the President of the French Republic and Madame Lebrun will attend a reception by the London County Council at County Hall and will have an opportunity to inspect the Exhibition commemorating the Council's Jubilee.

In announcing the visit, which will be made on March 22, the Chairman of the L.C.C. said the Council and people of London would be greatly honoured by the

AMERICANS VOTE AGAINST RETURN OF COLONIES

New York, Feb. 3.

Eighty-five per cent of the American population are against the return of her former colonies to Germany, a popular referendum carried out by the Institute of Public Opinion revealed to-day.

The question asked was: "Should the colonies taken away from Germany following the Great War be returned?"

Only 17 per cent of those asked replied in the affirmative.

The same question asked a year ago revealed 76 per cent of the answers against and 24 per cent for.

According to the Institute, most of the people voting against declared that Herr Hitler would not be satisfied and would ask for more.—Havas.

visit which so happily occurred during the Council's Jubilee celebrations and which furnished such striking evidence of the ties of friendship not only between the two great cities of Paris and London but also between Britain and France.—British Wireless.

Moral And Material Force Of The Three Democracies

M. BONNET ON UNDERSTANDING WITH U.S.A.

Paris, To-day.

Referring to France's relations with the United States, the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, said in the Chamber yesterday that during the past few weeks they had maintained close contact with the United States Government, which understood them well.

"Our three Democracies are conscious of their material and moral force.

"They know their place on earth and in history, they know their economic power and they know that no nation can impose its politics on them, but this friendship does not constitute, and does not want to constitute, a menace to anybody.

"It desires only peace and development of the three large nations.

"No nation, large or small, can think that these three nations hold any hostility towards them."

Referring to Hitler's statement on January 30 that Germany did not want to export National Socialism, M. Bonnet said.

"We can also give the same assurance. The Democracies have no intention of using propaganda, still less aggression."

BLOOD AND CULTURE

M. Bonnet said he had spared no efforts to dissipate the misunderstandings between Italy and France, and expressed the belief that the will of the two peoples invited Franco-Italian friendship.

"I cannot imagine Italy committing an act of aggression against France," he declared. "The two nations are linked by blood, language and culture."

M. Bonnet stressed that the Government could not see any foreign government threatening Spanish integrity.

Italy had assured England that she has no territorial aims in Spain, and France simply wanted to see such an undertaking kept.

M. Bonnet referred to the suggestions during the past few weeks that the Franco-British Entente was not so close as it seemed.

FULL MEANING

He added: "I leave the reply to Mr. Chamberlain, that great and faithful friend of our country."

M. Bonnet then quoted amidst prolonged cheers Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons, promising aid to France in the event of aggression against her. M. Bonnet added: "No doubt you understand the full meaning of this declaration."

All parties except the Socialists cheered when M. Bonnet ceased speaking.—Reuter.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Shanghai is due at Hong Kong on Friday at 9 p.m. and leaves for Manila on Saturday at 5 a.m.

GERMANY FORTIFYING PACIFIC ISLES

Washington, February 1. Germany, with Japan's consent, fortifying one of the islands making up the Caroline Is. group, Representative Melvin J. Maas, Republican of Minnesota, declared to-day.

He made the declaration in the course of a meeting of the House Naval Affairs Committee, studying the amelioration of American naval bases.—Havas.

THAT BIG CHINA LOAN OUTLOOK

London, To-day.

"I am not in a position to make any further statement," declared the Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. R. S. Hudson, in reply to a question on credits for China, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Hudson was asked whether he could give further information about granting additional credits to facilitate trade with China, and whether the steps to be taken will be within the scope of the Exports Credit Bill or in addition to the new powers sought therein.

Mr. Hudson, in his reply, added that the scope of the Exports Guarantee Bill would depend on circumstances in a particular case.—Reuter.

HUTTON MAKES QUICK CENTURY

Bulawayo, To-day.

Len Hutton gave a grand display of driving and cutting in scoring 145 against Southern Rhodesia here yesterday.

Hutton scored his runs in 160 minutes, and with Leslie Ames, who made 47, added 118 for the fourth wicket.

M.C.C. declared at 307 for five wickets, and Rhodesia were dismissed for 242. Mansell made 62, and Wright took four wickets for 64 runs.—Reuter.

JAPS. PLANNING TO SEIZE ANOTHER ISLAND

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese are reported to be planning to occupy Chusan Island, about 40 miles north-east of Ningpo, with the object of converting the island into a base for operations against troops and guerillas in Chekiang Province.

Several Japanese warships are cruising off the island and yesterday shelled Tinghai, main town on the island.

Many houses and other buildings were destroyed, while a large number of civilians were killed and injured.—Our Own Correspondent.

most as great.

British trade in piecegoods increased in only four markets, notably Hong Kong, where it was largely due to the diversion of trade from Chinese ports.

Exports to China and Hong Kong, taken together, rose by 18 per cent.—Reuter.

HONG KONG LANCASHIRE'S SOLE FAVOURITE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LAST YEAR WAS THE WORST FOR LANCASHIRE COTTON PIECEGOODS EXPORTS FOR NINETY YEARS, AND THE WORST FOR YARN EXPORTS (APART FROM THE WAR YEARS) SINCE THE COTTON FAMINE IN THE EARLY 'SIXTIES.

This description is contained in the Report of the joint committee of cotton trade organisations.

Output of cotton yarn fell by 22 per cent., piecegoods by 25 per cent. and yarn exports by 23 per cent. compared with 1937.

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Astounding German Demands On Future Of Jews

Berlin, To-day.

Germany's attitude towards the Jews and National Socialist parties in other countries was defined by Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, in an address to the Diplomatic Corps and representatives of the Foreign Press in Berlin yesterday.

"From our point of view," he said, it is necessary that hundreds of thousands of Jews now living in Germany and millions later from Central Europe should be settled in some other part of the world, not scattered but in the same closed region.

In the creation of a settlement of this kind, there can be no question of creating a Jewish state, but only a Reservation.

On the question of National Socialist parties in other countries, he said:

"As National Socialism is not a universal creed that can be applied to all peoples and races, it appears to us expedient that new movements started in other countries should not employ the word 'National Socialism' but should choose instead a designation corresponding to their own national history."

PALESTINE "OUT"

Referring again to the Jewish question, the speaker said that Germany would only be settled when the last Jew had left the soil of the German Reich. He was opposed to the plan of the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine on the ground that this state could not accommodate the Jewish people, but merely form an all-Jewish centre of power in the Near East.

"A Jewish State would give World Jewry the legal possibility of setting up Legations in all countries, of sending diplomatic representatives everywhere, without thereby curtailing the number and power of the Jews in the Democracies. It would moreover have the task of using its influence on behalf of the so-called Jewish minorities in all countries of the world."

POLICE FORCE

"The settlement of the Jews in one 'closed reservation' would only be feasible in Guiana or Madagascar. The Jews should not, however, be left to themselves."

"Even the most primitive sense of humanity would rather demand that every large Jewish colony should be under the supervision of a strong police force and should be under a Governor or the League of Nations, which would keep this Jewish Reservation under observation on behalf of the Democracies."

The financing of the plan should be effected by requiring "that Jewish millionaires from all parts of the world place their fortunes at the disposal of, let us say, the Evian Conference." — Trans-Ocean.

STOLE FROM HIS FATHER

Sit Loy-hung, 22, was this morning sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest when he was charged with the theft of \$224, from his father, a fireman at the Taikoo Sugar Refinery, residing at No. 46, East Street.

Defendant admitted stealing \$130 and the charge was amended accordingly.

Inspector Russell said defendant went to the house, forced open a cupboard and stole the money. He was seen by a woman, who was threatened and told to keep quiet. He used the money to buy a suitcase, a wrist watch, clothing and a fountain pen and only \$68 had been recovered.

Before the case was concluded, a woman in court who stated that she was defendant's wife, said he had threatened to assault her on several occasions. He was bound over on bond of \$100 to be of good behaviour for one year.

FRENCH ARREST AGITATOR

Paris, To-day.

The Alsatian Autonomist, Karl Rood, has been arrested in Strasbourg on a charge of having distributed a manifesto demanding Autonomy for Alsace.

Rood was sentenced ten years ago to ten years' hard labour and 20 years banishment from Alsace because of his political activities but was acquitted on appeal. — Trans-Ocean.

HON. MR. LEO D'ALMADA DOWN WITH 'FLU

The case in which the China Underwriters, Limited, is being sued for \$30,906.23 by Cheong Shing Hong, for loss and damage to goods by fire, was not resumed before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

It is learned that the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr. counsel for the defendant company, is indisposed with an attack of influenza.

26, to evade stamp duty, Tse She, of the Man Wo Lai firm, No. 23 Gough Street, was fined \$20.

RECEIPT STAMPS

Ko Wai-kuen, of the Hung Hong Poultry stall, Western Market, was fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when he pleaded guilty to issuing an unstamped receipt for \$37.39.

For splitting an account of \$25.-

JAPANESE THREAT TO BOMB KULING: SITUATION MAY BE RECONSIDERED

Hankow, To-day.

The American gunboat Oahu is leaving here for Kiukiang at nine o'clock this morning with Mr. B. MacDermott, the British Vice-Consul, and Mr. J. Davies, the American Vice-Consul, on board.

It is understood the gunboat will remain in Kiukiang until the situation at Kuling has been cleared up.

Much anxiety is being felt over the fate of foreigners in the well-known mountain resort following the warning by the Japanese military authorities to residents to evacuate.

Although it is learned here that instructions have not yet been received from the British and American Governments regarding evacuation of foreigners from Kuling, the Japanese military authorities at Kiukiang are understood to have been informed that complete evacuation of all foreigners from Kuling would be practically impossible.

MOVE IMPRACTICABLE

Reason given, it is stated, is that the age and health of many of those living at Kuling makes such a move impracticable.

The Japanese military authorities are understood to be considering the new situation created by this information.

While the British gunboat H. M. S. Ladybird (625 tons) is still unable to contact Kuling, messages which have been passed through the lines around the mountain resort state that all foreign residents are safe and well.—Reuter.

U.S. AND NORWEGIAN COMMUNICATIONS

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned that the U.S. and the Norwegian Consulates in Shanghai have sent similar communications to the Japanese authorities regarding the question of evacuating foreigners from Kuling, namely, that they are unable to establish a definite communication with their nationals in Kuling.

It is declared that the U.S. authorities have asked whether the Japanese are prepared to guarantee that foreigners can return to Kuling as soon as local hostilities are terminated.

Meanwhile the date of February 10, set by the Japanese for the final evacuation is nearing, and nothing has yet been fixed.

The Japanese are reported to be making final preparations to attack the Chinese forces which are holding the mountainside near Kuling, and are unable to escape owing to complete encirclement by Japanese troops.—Trans-Ocean.

ALEX HENSHAW SETS OFF ON RETURN TRIP

Capetown, To-day.

Alex Henshaw, the youthful winner of the King's Cup Air Race last year, hopped off in his Percival Mew Gull plane at 10 o'clock last night (G.M.T.) on the return flight to England.

Henshaw is trying to complete the double flight to Capetown and back in under four days.

He flew from Gravesend to Capetown in 39½ hours, which is five and a half hours less than the record established by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green.—Reuter.

SECOND READING TO CZECH LOAN BILL PASSED

London, To-day.

The House of Commons yesterday gave a second reading to the Czecho-Slovakia Financial Assistance Bill after the Chancellor of the Exchequer had explained in some detail the agreement which had been arrived at with the Czecho-Slovak and French Governments, and had pointed out that the Czecho-Slovak Government had an honourable record in respect of keeping its engagements.

He had undertaken to give a detailed statement of expenditure for all purposes actually incurred in each quarter.

The positions of refugees had been safeguarded.—British Wireless.

RONALD LINDSAY SEES KING

London, To-day.

The British Ambassador in Washington, Sir Ronald Lindsay, was received in audience by the King yesterday and remained to lunch with Their Majesties.

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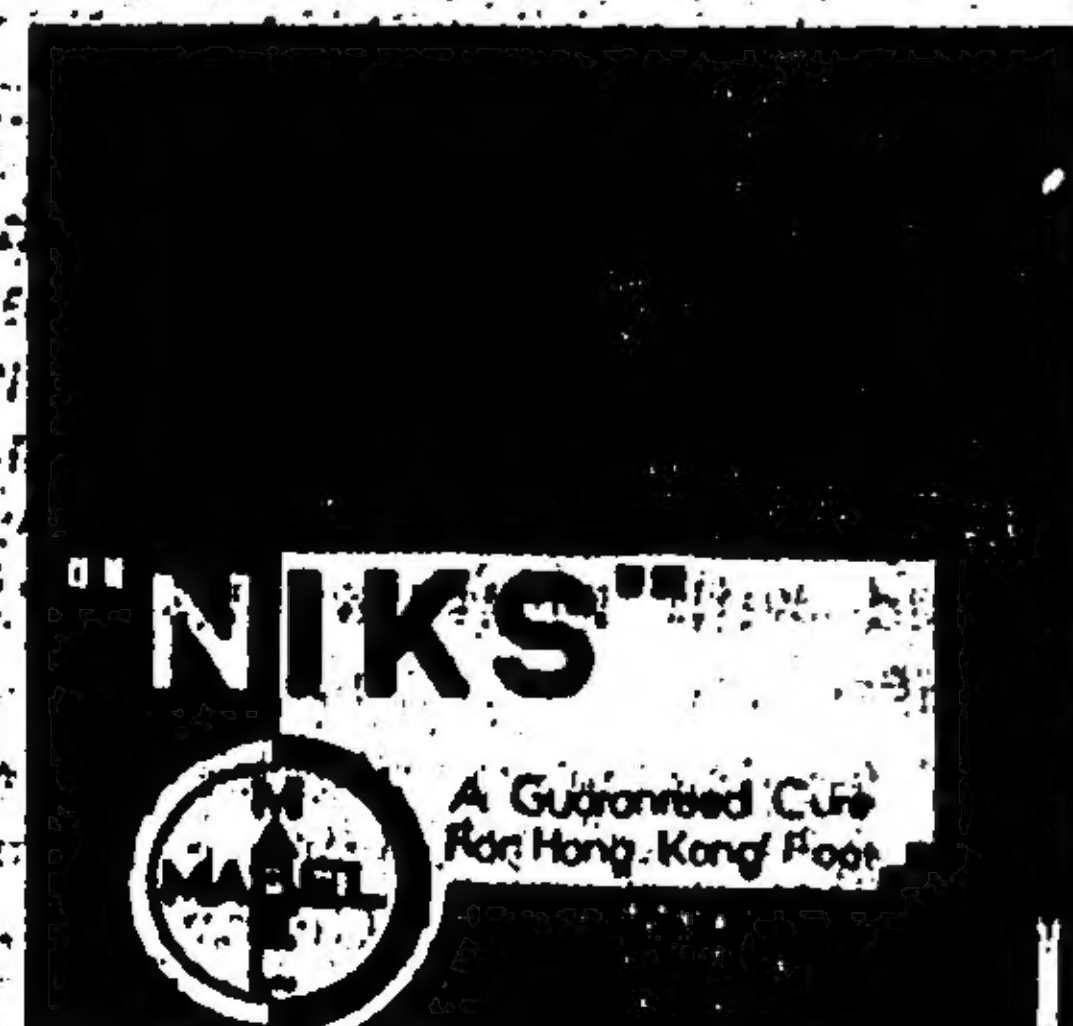
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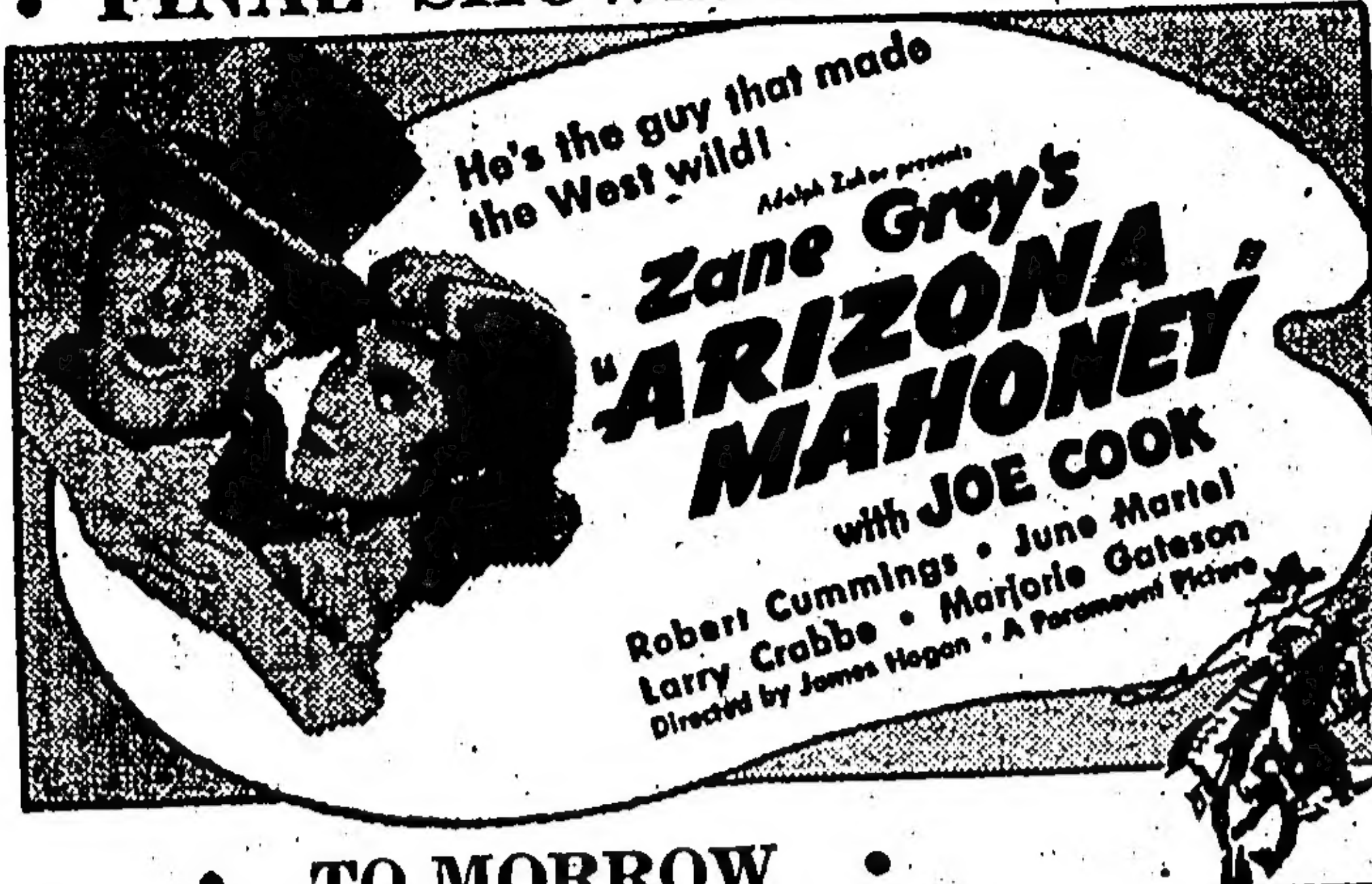
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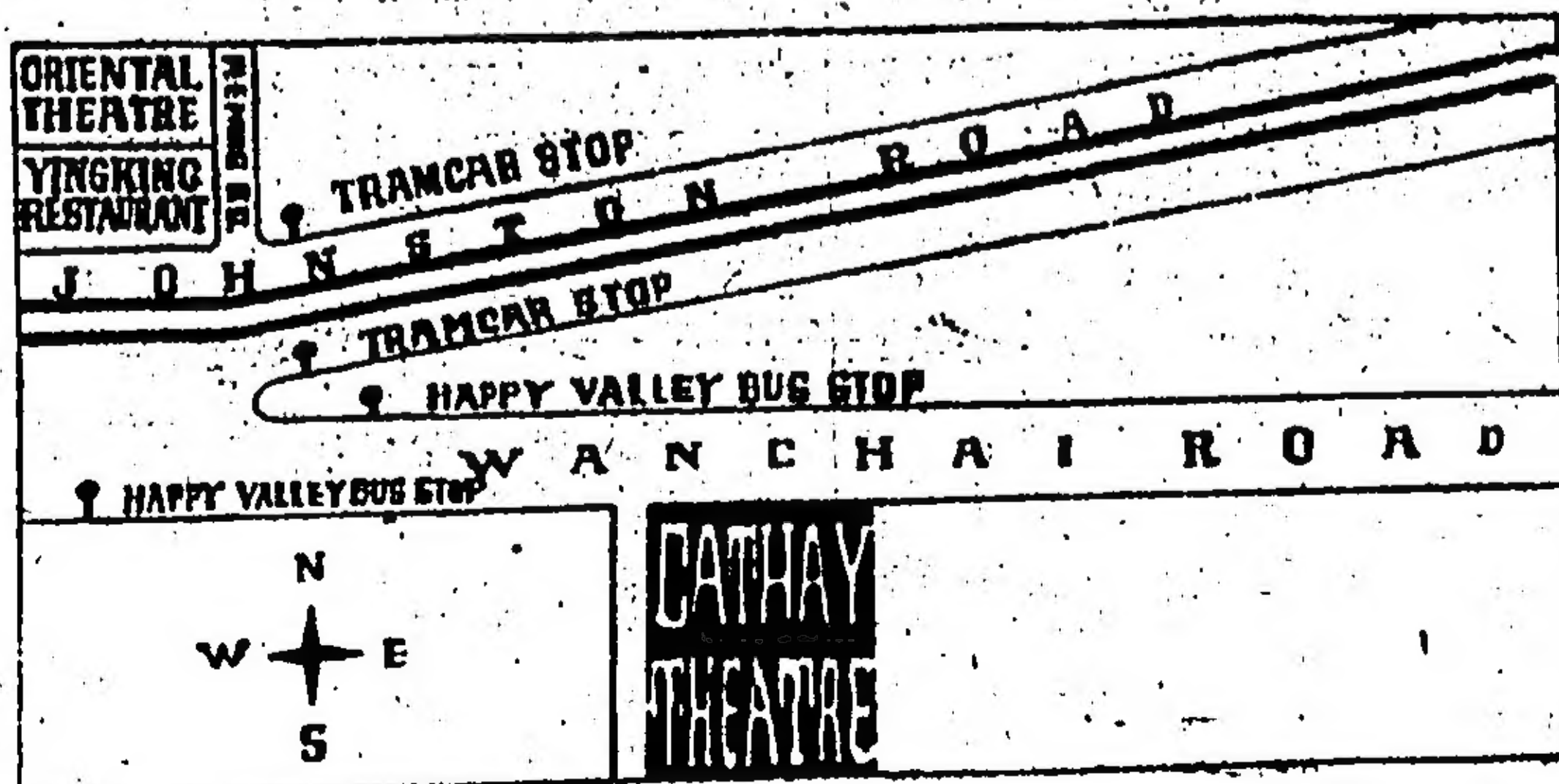
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Mr. De Valera Taking Powers To Deal With I.R.A.

Dublin, To-day.

The Eire Premier, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, announced yesterday in the Senate that the Minister for Justice will introduce in the Dail to-day bills to provide the powers necessary for the Government to maintain its position of authority.

It is understood that far-reaching powers will be sought to deal with extremist elements.

Probably the Public Safety Act will be resurrected and the military tribunal restored.

Concluding his speech, Mr. de Valera made reference to possible efforts to usurp the authority of the Government, and this is taken as referring to the proclamation of the Irish Republican Army in December.

Mr. de Valera added that the Government would enforce the law and govern at all costs.—Reuter.

NAZIS ACCUSED OF SABOTAGE IN U.S.

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.
Allegations that large scale sabotage by Nazi agents and sympathizers was being carried out on planes built for the United States Government at the North American Aviation Company plants were made in a telegram sent to President Roosevelt to-day by Mr. Harry Bridges, Director of the West Coast branch of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

It is understood that several members of the German-American "Bund" are implicated in this affair.

Meanwhile, certain quarters voice the possibility of similar sabotage having been responsible for the air crash in which a member of the French air mission, M. Chemidlin, met his death.—Havas.

BRITISH YARDS LEAD WORLD IN SHIPBUILDING

London, Jan. 31.

Lloyds' annual report on shipbuilding throughout the world revealed that constructions in Great Britain in 1938 accounted for 34% of the total tonnage, against 47.5% in 1934.

The gross tonnage of vessels built in British shipyards reached 1,030,000.

Germany's constructions attained 480,000, Japan's 441,000, the Netherlands' 289,000 and the United States' 201,000.

The total number of ships launched in 1938 was the highest for the past sixteen years.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that an intense anticyclone covers China and the adjacent seas. The depression is moving into the Pacific to the northeast of Japan.

Local forecast: — E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

NO PENAL CLAUSE IN REGULATION

Jagindar Singh, Kasho Ram and Atmar Singh, were summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning for acting as private watchmen on board the s.s. Gertrude Maersk at Cosmopolitan Docks, without being registered.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, for defendants, pleaded not guilty. Sergeant W. Morris prosecuted.

According to the prosecution, accused were found on the vessel performing watchmen's duties. Sergeant Morris demanded to see their licences, which they however failed to produce.

Mr. Silva submitted that no watchman could, according to the Government Gazette, April 16, 1937, be charged with practising without licence or with not producing his licence book.

Mr. Macfadyen, satisfied with Mr. Silva's submission, dismissed the summonses.

CONFISCATION OF RIFLES

Ma Hon, part owner of fishing junk No. T530H, was this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. Himsworth with possession of two rifles and 98 rounds of ammunition. A. S. I. Charles Goodwin, prosecuting, said that the articles were found on board accused's boat. Defendant was fined \$10, and the rifles and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

GOLD AND SILVER FROM SPAIN

Paris, To-day.

Gold and silver reserves of the Bank of Spain arrived on eleven motor-lorries at the French frontier near Le Perthus yesterday morning. The motor-lorries were crowded with refugees and their luggage.

The lorries were placed under the guard of French customs authorities.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN'S WAR BUDGET

Over Yen 7,000,000,000 For The Coming Year

FRICITION BETWEEN ARMY AND NAVY

Tokyo, To-day.

The supplementary budgets for the Japanese Army and Navy for the financial year which commences on April 1st will be presented to the Diet about the middle of February. They are expected to exceed six billion yen.

The Army expenditure alone, including Ordinary, Emergency and Extraordinary appropriations, will total roughly Y5,400,000,000, according to figures compiled by the War Office and presented to the Ministry of Finance for approval. For the present year, the Army total was Y3,821,000,000.

Estimates have been drafted on the basis of a two-power standard, with a high standard of efficiency, taking into consideration the alleged necessity of being fully prepared to face China and Soviet Russia simultaneously.

Estimates are for the maintenance of the Japanese forces in China, reinforcement of the Japanese garrison in Manchukuo, replenishment of the Air Force and for the adjustment and improvement of war supplies.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Since appropriations only until the end of January this year in connection with the China Emergency were approved by the last Diet, additional funds for February and March are asked, together with expenditures for the full financial year ending March 1940.

The total of the Military Estimates thus reaches roughly Y5,400,000,000. It is regarded as inevitable, however that the estimates will be cut somewhat by the Ministry of Finance, probably to Y5,000,000,000.

The requirements of the Navy Ministry have not yet been made public, but recent statements made by the Minister for the Navy, Admiral Yonai, that the Japanese Navy aims at building up substantial armaments to ensure control of the neighbouring seas, imply an important new construction programme.

SERVICE FRICITION

Reports are current of considerable friction between the Army and Navy because the colossal financial requirements of the former are proving a serious hindrance to obtaining funds for naval expansion. In normal years, appropriations for the two services have risen in parallel, but the demands of the military during the present "China Incident" necessitates the Navy curtailing its demands to little more than for the current year, in which the Navy votes totalled Y1,720,000,000.

For the coming year, the Navy's General Account Budget estimate is Y853,000,000, Y27,000,000 less than for the current year, due to the fact that the naval operations in China have been transferred to the Extraordinary Estimates. It is forecast that the Extraordinary Naval Estimates will total about Y1,200,000,000.—Reuter.

YONAI STATEMENT

Tokyo, To-day.

Speaking before the budget committee of the Lower House last evening, the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, declared:

"The Japanese Navy is confident of making the naval defences adequate by combining the present naval strength with enforcement of the new construction programme which is shortly to be submitted to the Diet in the form of a supplementary budget."—Reuter.

FORGED LETTER

Leung Nui, a young woman, was charged with obtaining five and a half yards of grey serge from the Fook Wing shop, No. 69 Wing Lok Street on Thursday, by means of a forged letter.

Det. Sergeant Wall said defendant went with a letter, stating that she was sent by a man named Fung, to get the cloth.

Later, Fung denied that he had written any letter or sent anyone. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER VICTIM?

The body of Chung Yip-wing, employee of the Hong Kong Tramway Company, was removed to the Public Mortuary last night.

Deceased was found in Canal Road, near the nullah, with severe injuries to arms, legs and body. It is suspected that he was knocked down by an unknown motor car.

GERMAN WOMAN FINED

A 31-year-old German woman, Emilie Thurner, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with failing to register her arrival within 48 hours.

Defendant arrived on January 30 by the Haruna Maru from Shanghai and was residing with a friend, Mrs. Lutz, at Fanling. Defendant went to the registration office yesterday.

Defendant said no-one told her she had to register within 48 hours. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

PEIPING TIENTSIN RAILWAY DISRUPTED

Peiping, To-day.

Railway traffic between Peiping and Tientsin has been interrupted by the blowing up of a bridge near the scene of the train wrecking which occurred last month.

The damage is reported to be serious and it may be necessary to build a loop-line round the break. — Reuter.

"WE ARE KILLING A TRAITOR"

Chungking, To-day.

"We are killing a traitor. You people need have no fear." These words were addressed by assassins of Koo Ping-tung to other customers in the Kwan Sheng Yuan Restaurant in Nan-king Road where the murder took place yesterday morning, according to a Shanghai report.

Koo was shot dead by five gunmen in a telephone booth on the first floor of the restaurant while he was telephoning.

While Koo's connection with the Japanese has not yet been definitely established, passes issued by the Japanese Special Service Section were found on him by S.M.C. police after the murder.—Central News.

Liu Fong-yau, of No. 5 Stanley Terrace, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, after he had been bitten by a dog owned by Mr. Simpson, of No. 12 Stanley Terrace.

VIOLENT ATTACK ON WATCHMAN

An attack with iron bars by five men on a Kowloon Godowns' watchman was mentioned before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy.

The incident occurred on Sunday afternoon when the watchman, Wun Pui-chi, found five men inside K34 godown. He stopped them and was attacked. He was treated in the Kowloon Hospital where his condition was reported serious to-day.

Three of the men were arrested by another watchman who heard cries of "save life."

The accused, Wong Lai, 27, Cheng Mak, 33, unemployed, and Wong Ki, 35, coolie, charged with trespassing and assault, were sentenced to three months' hard labour. The third accused was given two additional months for breach of a bond to be of good behaviour.

QUEEN'S ROAD SNATCHING

Au Chau, 35, was brought before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with stealing a purse, from Mrs. E. Ribeiro, of No. 7 Hillwood Road, in Queen's Road Central yesterday.

It was alleged that, at about 11.45 a.m. defendant took the purse from her pocket while she was walking with a friend, Mrs. Kennedy, near the St. Francis Hotel. An alarm was raised and defendant was caught by Mrs. Kennedy.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

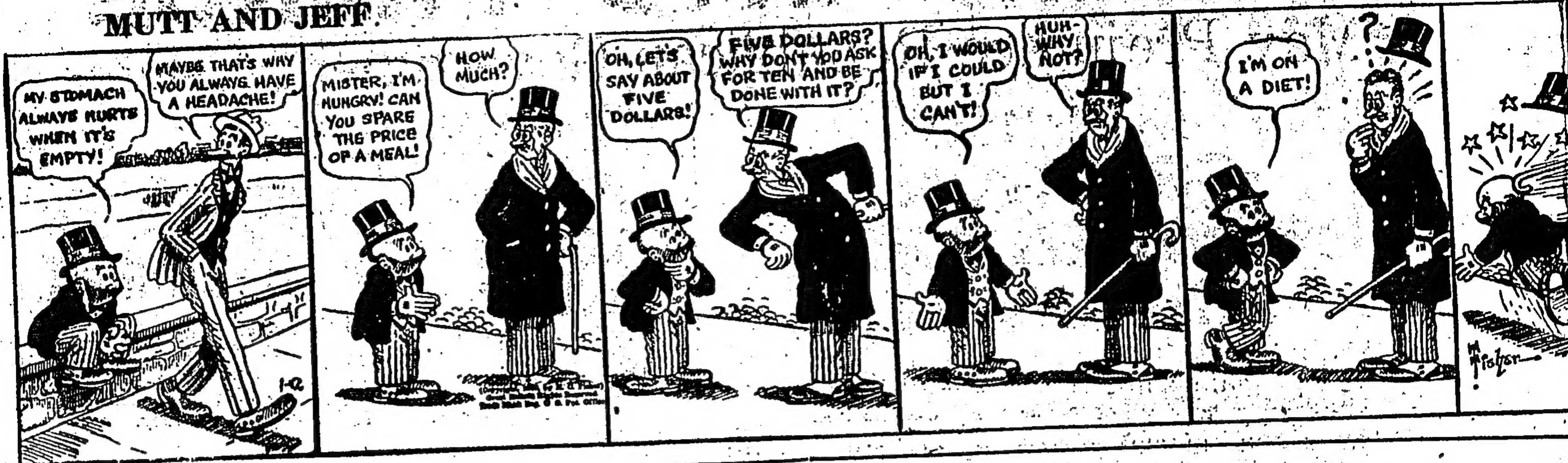
Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, 22-year-old Chan Lam, was charged with theft from No. 260 Lockhart Road, and with unlawful possession of a screw driver and a chisel.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours in Police custody.



Led by their own boy Bishop, G. Jenkins, the boys of St. Mary of the Angels at Addlestone, Surrey, observed the ceremony of gathering the holly. Regarding Christmas as a religious festival they have the ceremony of gathering holly to decorate their home. This Bishop is elected each year. Photo shows the Boy Bishop leading the holly gatherers through the grounds of their home.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

A PLAN THAT FAILED

The day before Jed Saeurs and his family left for a month's vacation in Florida, Jed accosted Patrolman Pete Wallace as he was passing in front of the house on his regular beat.

"Look here, Wallace," Jed said, "my family and I are going to Florida for a month's vacation. Mrs. Saeurs is a mite nervous about leaving the house, what with all the burglarizing going on in the vicinity. You kind of keep your eye on the place, eh? Here's ten dollars to help you to remember."

Pete Wallace was frankly surprised. Jed Saeurs had a reputation for being mean. He never remembered policemen and elevator men and the like at Christmas, because he contended they were being paid for their services and shouldn't have to be bribed.

"Why, thanks, Mr. Saeurs, Sure, I'll keep my eye on the house, all right," After the Saeurs' had gone, Patrolman Wallace got to thinking about what Jed had done, and he decided that the old man wasn't half as mean

"Jed Saeurs is a mean one all right. Dang it, some men have it in 'em bigger than a woodchuck. I should have known when he gave me that \$10 there was something wrong."

Ranny lighted a cigarette. "I'm wondering how we're going to prove that Jed bored those holes and placed the candles there? He's a smart one. It'll be like him to lay it on to someone else."

They went back to the kitchen and looked around. After awhile Ranny said: "If we could find the bit and stock which was used to bore these holes, maybe we'd get someplace."

They hunted inside the house and the garage and cellar, but they didn't find the bit. "Well, that's O.K." Ranny said. "Maybe better. Jed

By Stanley Cordell

as folks made out. Ten dollars for doing nothing more than walking by the house and looking at it the way he'd been doing for the past ten years! A man that liberal with money certainly couldn't be called mean.

Pete had a stroke of conscience. He ought to do something toward earning that \$10. Maybe if he went to the trouble of walking around the house once or twice a week, Jed Saeurs, when told, would appreciate it.

So the next evening about 5:30, just before he went off duty, Patrolman Wallace walked up the drive of the Saeurs home and around back. He was crossing between the garage and the back entryway when his eye caught a flicker of light through a rear window.

Alarmed, the officer ran up onto the back porch and peered inside. He couldn't see the source of the light, but its flickering reflection told him it was caused by no electric bulb. Using his night stick, he broke a pane of glass, unlatched a window and stepped inside.

Beneath the kitchen table two candles were inserted into holes bored into the floor. Strips of waxed paper extended from the candles to a bucket of alcohol on the opposite side of the room.

Patrolman Wallace's eyes widened as he observed these things. Without extinguishing the candles he called headquarters on the Saeurs' telephone. Fifteen minutes later Lieutenant Ranny Lathrop was being shown the candles and the strips of paper.

"The way I figure it," Wallace said, "that bucket of alcohol would be ignited in about two days. They are big candles and they ain't half burned out yet."

Ranny nodded. "And in two days, the Saeurs will be living in some Florida hotel." He smiled grimly. "Just think how they'll feel when notified their house has burned down."

Ranny extinguished the candles, then went to the telephone.

"Insurance," he explained ten min-

was smart enough to take the bit with him. He's too mean to throw it away. We'll wait till they get home."

So Patrolman Wallace went back to his daily patrolling, and Ranny Lathrop took certain samples that he wanted and gave his time to other things.

A month later the Saeurs' came back from Florida. Pete was standing in front of the house when they drove in. He waved and grinned a welcome, but Jed Saeurs didn't even look at him. Jed's face had a mean, pinched look, and Pete knew then he was guilty.

That same night Ranny and Pete Wallace drove up before the Saeurs' home. Ranny went up the front wall and Pete went around back. Jed Saeurs wasn't going to let Ranny in at first, but Ranny made a few suggestions that brought a look of alarm to the old man's face. Jed didn't come to the point of his visit at once, but hemmed and hawed until Pete Wallace came in through the kitchen and exhibited the bit and stock he'd found in the Saeurs' car.

Ranny took the bit and Jed Saeurs and returned to headquarters. He gave the bit to a chemist, and gave him also some samples of wood chips he'd taken from the kitchen floor near the candles. A half hour later the chemist reported that the minute particles of chips found on the bit were identical to those taken from the kitchen floor.

Confronted by this evidence, Saeurs' belligerence waned. It was replaced by

"Blast your hide!" he roared at Pete Wallace. "I give you ten dollars and you pull a double cross! You— that you cheat!"

Pete Wallace soberly reached into his pocket, produced a crumpled ten-dollar bill and handed it to Jed Saeurs. "I figured it wasn't good money right from the start, Mr. Saeurs. So I saved it, and now you can have it back. I never would get no fun out of spending that."

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FLIGHT INTO FRANCE

May Prejudice Republican Government Leaders

Valencia Likely To Be New Seat Of Government

London, To-day.

In the face of the latest development of the situation in Spain, a question now engaging the consideration of Government circles, as revealed in a semi-official statement yesterday afternoon, is whether the Republican Spanish Government can still be regarded as a responsible Government.

It is pointed out that several Republican Ministers have crossed the French frontier and it is not known definitely where the Republican Prime Minister at present is.

Both sides in the Spanish civil conflict have been notified of the willingness of the Governments of France and Britain to act for one side or the other to establish connection, enabling negotiations to terminate hostilities.

With regard to the question of recognition of the Nationalist, Spanish Government as a responsible government in Spain it is stated that the first step in this matter must be taken by General Franco.—Trans-Ocean.

NEGRIN TO GO BACK TO FIGHT ON

London, To-day.

Dr. Juan Negrin, the Spanish Premier, who has crossed the French frontier with other members of his Cabinet, will return to Spain shortly to continue the fight against General Franco's forces, according to an official of the Spanish Embassy in London.

The official added that Dr. Negrin and his Ministers will probably establish the Government at Valencia rather than Madrid, in order to "continue resistance to the end."

The official stated that about 300,000 refugees have crossed from Spain into France.—Reuter.

FURTHER MASS EXODUS

Paris, To-day.

A further mass exodus of refugees from Republican Spain into France is expected. In a message to M. Daladier from the frontier, M. Sarraut, Minister of the Interior, intimates that as many as 270,000 may swarm into France in the course of the next 24 hours.

The Department of the Eastern Pyrenees has received in a week no less than 150,000 refugees of whom 110,000 have been distributed over other departments. The remainder are accommodated either in private homes and public establishments or in specially prepared internment camps.

In addition about 100,000 militiamen have been interned.

ARMY EXPECTED

The main body of the Catalan army estimated at 140,000 is expected to cross the frontier to-day.

The cost of providing for these thousand of refugees is estimated at about ten francs per head daily.

During the last 48 hours upwards of sixty Republican planes have landed in France and been impounded by the French authorities. On Monday, 4,000 Republican

militiamen passed over the international bridge at Irun after having opted to return to National Spain.

Reports are published showing that along the frontier starving bands of deserters are raiding lonely farms and committing minor outrages.

FLEET SPOTTED

Among those brought to a large concentration camp on a beach of the Mediterranean at Argeles sur Mer was a column consisting largely of Germans, Austrians and Czechs.

Part of the Franco fleet has been sighted in the Mediterranean about seven miles from the Franco-Spanish frontier. It is believed to comprise the cruiser "Canarias," two torpedoboats and two destroyers.—Trans-Ocean.

"MEDIATION EXCLUDED"

Rome, To-day.

British and French efforts to settle the Spanish conflict by a last-minute compromise are dismissed by the Italian press.

The action of the French Government in sending M. Leon Berard as official observer to Burgos is seen as an attempt to rob General Franco of the fruits of victory. General Franco, it is affirmed, will not be deceived into calling a truce now that his forces have cut off the enemy from all contact with the outside world. The present situation excludes every possibility of mediation, declares "Messagero." Franco's victory will have to be complete and final.—Trans-Ocean.

OLOT OCCUPIED

Burgos, To-day.

Francó's troops occupied Olot yesterday afternoon on their march to the frontier.

Olot is scarcely 20 kilometres from the French frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

SWISS RESERVES CALLED FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD

Berne, Feb. 2.

The National Council has decided to convoke during the year 1939 certain regiments of reservists and to keep them eventually under the colours as long as circumstances compel it.



Because more air observers for multi-seater aircraft are needed in the bigger R.A.F. it has been decided to recruit a large number direct from civil life during the next six months as a temporary measure. A Royal Air Force Air Observer School devoted to armament training has just opened its first course in the North of England. This school, where this picture was taken, can deal with sixty air observers at a time and there is a six weeks course in gunnery and bombing. Photo shows final instruction to a class of air observers before leaving the ground to carry out live firing practice in the air.

ITALIAN TERMS FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL

Rome, To-day.

The semi-official "Giornale d'Italia" published last evening an article by its editor, Signor Gayda, enumerating the following four conditions which, says Gayda, must be fulfilled before the Italian volunteers can be withdrawn from Spain.

- (1) Complete demobilisation and dispersal of the Republican troops who have retreated into France and who would otherwise constitute a danger for the stability of Nationalist Spain,
- (2) Restriction of the activities of Spanish Republican leaders who have fled to France and whose presence in that country is in itself anomalous,
- (3) Unconditional capitulation of the "Reds" both inside and outside the Spanish frontiers,
- (4) Return of the stolen Spanish art treasures which have been transferred to France and the return of gold belonging to the Bank of Spain.

Gayda again stresses the Italian view that no difference can be made between a political and military victory of General Franco whose political triumph has invariably been the goal of his entire military action.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE

Referring to the declaration on Anglo-French solidarity made in the House of Commons by Mr. Chamberlain on Monday, Signor Gayda observes that nobody in Italy ever doubted that in the event of war, England would be on the side of France.

The only doubt existing in Italy, according to Gayda, is whether the British Government is under all circumstances prepared to support the intransigent policy of France which is opposed to Mr. Chamberlain's policy and which may lead to international conflicts.—Trans-Ocean.

NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY

The Hague, To-day.

Relations between the Netherlands and Germany are discussed in a report addressed to the Upper Chamber by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Patijn, in which he utters a warning against exceeding the bounds of reasonable criticism, since this might do great harm.

The Netherlands Government is conscious of having invariably striven to establish friendly relations with all other Powers including Germany and the Minister expresses satisfaction at the assurances given by Hitler.

The Minister says that the Netherlands Government, in its desire to maintain friendly relations with Germany, is conforming to the will of the Dutch nation.

In conclusion, the Minister voices the hope that in view of the attitude of the Netherlands Government, necessary measures will be taken in Germany to prevent the circulation of untrue stories about Holland.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH ENVOY TO BURGOS?

Paris, To-day.

Appointment of a French representative to Burgos was demanded in a resolution passed by 144 Presidents of French Chambers of Commerce who met yesterday in Paris.

The resolution points out that further delay in bringing about normal relations between France and Nationalist Spain would be highly detrimental to French commerce.—Trans-Ocean.

NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL

Chungking, To-day.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is concurrently President of the Supreme National Defence Council organised in accordance with a resolution of the Fifth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee held recently. General Chang Chun is Secretary-General of the Council.—Central News.

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THE NEXT WAR

Captain Liddell Hart, one of the ablest and most articulate of our military critics, has for some years been the chief exponent of the view that in another European war Britain should not send a large expeditionary force to fight on the Continent. It is something of a surprise, therefore, to read that at the National Education Conference he expressed the view that we should now be obliged to create and train a large force for this purpose. He reached this conclusion by the following stages: before Munich and the Spanish war it seemed impossible that Germany could ever attain that three-to-one superiority in "power units" which would enable her to overcome the defensive strength of the Western Powers. Now, however, if Italy engaged France along her frontier and in the Mediterranean and if Spain were controlled by a Government hostile to Britain and France, Germany might attain such a superiority. Therefore Britain must again be ready to send a large force (how large he did not say) to defend the frontiers of France (and possibly of Belgium and Holland), whose strength would thus be dissipated. This argument, even when stated so briefly, is both interesting and powerful, but it requires greater elaboration. One would like to know, for instance, whether Captain Liddell Hart envisages this expeditionary force as purely defensive. Writing on the same subject in his book "Europe in Arms," he said:

I cannot see an adequate prospect, even when the present programme is complete, of it (an expeditionary force) possessing the power of attack necessary to wrest from an invader any ground he may have gained before it could arrive. And I do not see that a larger force would have a better effect, nor that subsequent reinforcement might make a great difference. One would like to know whether anything has since happened to change his opinion in this respect as well as in the other.

"Mein Kampf" in U.S.A.

Although abridged editions of "Mein Kampf" have been published in almost every language and every country in the world, the complete edition has never yet been published outside Germany. This is so because Hitler, who holds the copyright through his German publishers, rightly believes that certain passages would quickly disillusion any innocent foreigner who chanced to read them. Now, however, two separate publishing firms in the United States have simultaneously announced their intention of bringing out complete editions. One firm, which previously published the American abridged edition, apparently has already obtained or hopes to obtain permission from the German publishers; the other firm just does not care. This second firm has, however, prepared a fine collection of legal weapons with which to resist the inevitable attack of the first. The German copyright, they say, is invalid in the United States because Hitler was described in the application form as a "stateless German" (who therefore had no rights) and as "an Austrian" (which was not true at the time the application was made). In any case, they say, deserting the law for politics, the Nazi Government is so unpleasant that it cannot properly be considered the same Government as that with which the United States signed the copyright treaty in 1892. Finally, they urge that the publication of the complete edition is a public service. On this point they can hardly claim any advantage, since the first firm, though paying more respect to the German copyright, is also acting for the public good. Both, in fact, have promised that any profits will be used for the benefit of German refugees—a nice thought for Hitler, who has amassed a private fortune from royalties.

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Right Kind of Intervention

The international non-partisan project for sending food to both sides in the Spanish civil war is possibly the brightest ray of humanitarianism in a year-end clouded with man's inhumanity to man. The plan is to collect \$500,000 from individuals to send 600,000 barrels of flour to Spain to feed the needy wherever found. Help of the United States Government has been accorded in organising the work and the flour will be transported free by ships of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Some questions may be asked by those who are interested primarily in the victory of one side in Spain as to the effect of this food on the interminable and apparently futile fighting. But distribution will be by the Society of Friends, and everyone knows that the Quakers do this kind of job with sole attention to relieving distress. Moreover the proposal was made by Ernest Toller, German play-wright, and the American committee is headed by George MacDonald, a papal marquis. It appears to be a genuinely non-partisan project. And in contrast to a farcical non-intervention programme which has masked intervention to feed war's flames, this looks like the right kind of intervention — to feed the innocent victims.

CHAMBERLAIN'S GUARANTEE TO FRANCE

NEW YORK'S UNDERGROUND SABOTAGED

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
A GROUP OF RAILWAY WORKERS, FACED WITH DISCHARGE, YESTERDAY THREW ONE OF THE CITY'S UNDERGROUND SYSTEMS INTO COMPLETE CHAOS AT THE HEIGHT OF THE MORNING RUSH.

The men pulled communication cords, prevented the guards giving all-clear signals and abandoned loaded trains at stations.

Thousands of suburbanites on their way to work were delayed by the demonstration.

In one instance several uniformed employees "kidnapped" an empty train and drove it across the points at an important junction, blocking all traffic. — Reuter.

GERMAN SHIP AGROUND OFF YOKOSUKA

Tokyo, To-day.

The German freighter "Leverkusen" (7,386 tons) went aground early yesterday morning off Yokosuka.

She was en route to Yokohama from Hamburg via Dairen.

The "Leverkusen," which is owned by the Hamburg-Amerika Line, is well-known in Hong Kong. She was due to sail from the Colony for Europe on February 14. — Reuter.

JAPANESE CLAIM SUCCESS AGAINST GUERRILLAS

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

THE JAPANESE FORCES IN SHANSI PROVINCE CLAIM TO HAVE KILLED 8,660 CHINESE GUERRILLAS LAST MONTH, ACCORDING TO A MILITARY COMMUNIQUE.

The numerical strength of Chinese guerillas and regulars in the province is estimated at 92,400.

According to the communique, the organised campaign against the Chinese forces in Shansi is proceeding smoothly. — Reuter.

London, To-day.
Exceptionally early adjournment of the House of Commons on Monday prevented crystallisation of Parliamentary opinion regarding Mr. Chamberlain's declaration of solidarity with France. Yesterday opinion was readily available and it is obvious from members representative of all sections of the Commons that the declaration has received general approval.

The effect of the various opinions expressed is that in view of the doubts that still appear to exist in some countries regarding the attitude of the British Government in the circumstances envisaged yesterday, Mr. Chamberlain's announcement had to be made without further delay and in the opinion of some, was months overdue.

The view is taken by nearly all Parliamentarians that the statement is a proper complement to the more definite clarification of American opinion which has been visible lately.

Labour opposition goes even further and urges that steps be taken to secure closer relations between all democratic nations, especially with the United States.

CHORUS OF APPROVAL

Widespread satisfaction is expressed that this gesture has been made to France now and the strengthening of relations with France consequently is treated as an inevitable result.

In Government back bench quarters, which have recently been highly critical of the

Government's policy, there is an unqualified chorus of approval.

The best evidence that the statement had a substantially good Parliamentary effect is found in the decision of the opposition not to pursue the matter for the present.

Recently they have been pursuing every Government declaration with the greatest energy. — Reuter.

H.K. RUBBER SHOE TRADE UNDER DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

The increase in British imports of rubber footwear from Hong Kong was mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday.

In reply to a question, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, stated that the possibility of regulating supplies on a voluntary basis was at present under consideration between industries in the parts of the Empire concerned. — Reuter.

KING BORIS IN SWITZERLAND

Sofia, To-day.

In Court circles last night, it was learned that King Boris of Bulgaria is at present staying incognito at Arosa in Switzerland. — Trans-Ocean.

ONLY APPLIES TO NAVAL CRAFT

With reference to the announcement that "Pearl River shipping restrictions will be lifted on Friday," the Japanese Consulate-General in Hong Kong this morning told the "China Mail" that the decision had reference only to the recent request to third Powers to stop the passage of gunboats up and down the river.

Normal commercial steamer communication has not yet been restored.

JAPAN'S WEICHOW CONCENTRATION

Japanese troops at Weichow Island have been increased to over 30,000 during the last few days, according to reports from Pakhoi.

Chinese aircraft made several flights over Weichow Island and the Japanese fleet concentration without dropping any bombs yesterday.

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THE PALESTINE CONFERENCE

Arab Leaders Pay Tribute To Mr. Chamberlain

NASHASHIBI PARTY HITCH STILL AN OBSTACLE TO COMBINED DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

A felicitous speech in reply to Mr. Neville Chamberlain was made by Prince Seif Ulislam Al Hussein at the opening of the Palestine Conference in London yesterday.

The Prince thanked the British Government for the part played in the service of truth and peace. He said he was unable to speak Mr. Chamberlain's language but there was a more sublime vehicle, namely, the sincerity of their hearts.

The superb spirit in which Mr. Chamberlain had solved the intricate problems of recent international affairs, and which was manifested in Mr. Chamberlain's address, was one on which they largely depended for solution of the Palestine questions.

Those problems had become the general concern of every Arab heart and every Muslim all over the world.

The Yemen admired the sublime spirit which inspired Mr. Chamberlain's wonderful solutions of modern problems, and in the name of humanity, truth and justice the Yemen wished him every success in his policy.

DISCIPLINE AND RESTRAINT

Mr. Chamberlain paid a tribute to the discipline and restraint which were generally shown by the Jewish community during a period of extreme difficulty and danger in Palestine.

Mr. Chamberlain repeated that the aims and objects were not represented at the morning's talks.

They had reached a deadlock with the Mufti's Party regarding representation.

The Nashashibi delegates will remain, and will see the Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, frequently as consultants.

EFFORTS GO ON

An official statement on the deadlock states that the efforts to create one Arab delegation are being continued.

Meanwhile the meeting between British representatives and the Arabs, in which the Arabs were to outline their case, has been postponed in a further effort to define the Arab representatives.

Mr. Macdonald had prolonged consultations with the Nashashibi delegates yesterday. The talks began in the early evening and continued until a late hour, with a single break, in which, it is understood, Mr. Macdonald consulted Mr. Chamberlain.

The conversations are continuing. The Jews are expected to present their case to-day.

SIGN OF GOODWILL

Speaking for the delegates of Arab countries the Egyptian representative (says British Wireless) expressed gratification at the opportunity of co-operating in the restoration of security and peace in a country sacred to many and to which he and his fellow delegates

from Arab countries were attached by bonds of common sentiments, mutual interests and other binding ties.

He said their presence in England bore testimony to the friendly disposition towards the British nation and afforded a sign of their goodwill. They hoped the discussions might produce a fair and equitable solution for the Palestine problem and result in strengthening the friendly bonds between their countries and Britain and in establishing equally friendly bonds between Great Britain and Palestine.

CAUSE OF PEACE

In this way Mr. Chamberlain would make another important contribution to the cause of peace which he had so much at heart and which history would associate with his name.

Rabbi Wise, speaking for Jews of the United States, recalled how the policy embodied in the Balfour Declaration and reaffirmed in the Mandate had found support from the American people, whose Presidents, and notably Woodrow Wilson and President Roosevelt, had voiced the American people's sympathy with the noble undertaking of the British Government to facilitate establishment of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

DIFFERENT VIEW

Lord Reading, speaking for those who might take a slightly different view from that of the official representatives of the Jewish Agency in approaching the problem, said they were nevertheless at one in recognising the vital need for restoration of peace in Palestine and hope to make a contribution in common with their colleagues towards a settlement just to the Jews, fair to the Arabs and worthy of Great Britain.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Meanwhile the following official statement regarding the composition of the Arab delegations was issued yesterday:

"His Majesty's Government have invited members of all political parties amongst Palestine Arabs to come to London to take part in discussions on future policy in Palestine. Efforts have been made to arrange that these different parties should all be represented on one delegation. These efforts have not succeeded so far but endeavours to reach agreement are being con-



West Point Military Academy, on the banks of the Hudson River, some fifty miles north of New York City, is the cradle of the United States Army. It is here that America's future Army officers receive their training. The cadets undergo a rigorous training to fit them for their future military careers. Photo shows Cadets at West Point in their caped coats and scouts hats—their winter kit.

ITALIAN TRADE PACT WITH RUSSIA

Rome, To-day.

An Italian-Soviet commercial treaty was signed here last evening.

The terms have not been disclosed. — Reuter.

BRITISH TREATY WITH SULTAN OF MUSCAT

London, To-day.

A new treaty of friendship and commerce has been signed between the United Kingdom, India and the Sultan of Muscat.

The treaty replaces the Treaty of 1891, which expires this month. It reaffirms the close relations existing between the British Government and the Sultan of Muscat. — Reuter.

BALFOUR DECLARATION

London, To-day.

Before negotiations about individual points of any final settlement of the Palestine question begin, the fundamental question that should first be disposed of is the precise interpretation to be placed on the Balfour Declaration in the opinion of the Arab delegations.

That means that, first of all, the fundamental question should be settled whether a Jewish National State is to be created in Palestine. — Trans-Ocean.

COMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is announced of the Reverend David Vaughan Edwards, residing at the Hong Kong Club, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Robinson, of White House, Regents Park, London, N. W. 1, enroute to the Colony on board the s. s. Antenor.

continued.
"In the meantime, as a satisfactory settlement has not been reached, representatives of the Defence Party informed His Majesty's Government they would not attend the opening meeting of the conference. His Majesty's Government do not seek to take sides in any difference of opinion which may exist between parties in Palestine. On the contrary they are anxious that every party should have a fair opportunity of expressing their views during the forthcoming discussions. They are glad of the opportunity to enter into free and full consultations with Palestine Arab leaders selected from parties other than the Defence Party.

"In view of their anxiety to exclude no important section of opinion from the discussions, they will be glad also, if agreement on the composition of one Palestine delegation proves impossible, to hold separate consultations with the delegation representing the Defence Party which has come to London."

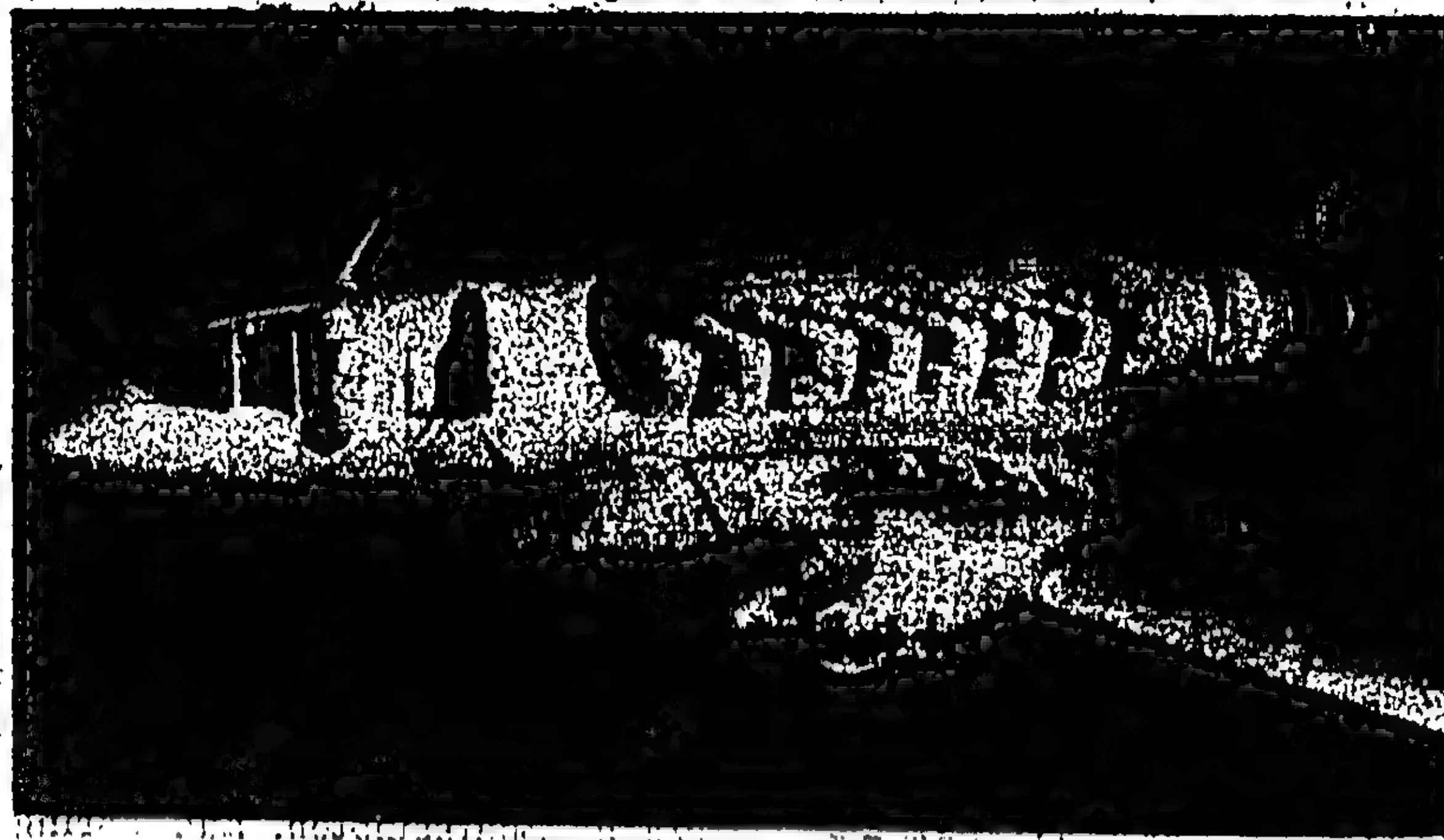
THREE SIMULTANEOUS DISCUSSIONS

The delegates of Nashashibi's National Defence Party kept away from the opening sitting yesterday but the Government may encourage Nashashibi's delegates to insist on their right to attend future sittings although the British Government officially takes the view that only Arabs are competent to decide the question of Arab representation at the conference.

It is stated that the British Gov-

ernment in order to prevent exclusion from the conference of any important section of opinion Nashashibi's representatives may be invited to confer separately with the British Government, thus making a third party of discussion.—Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar



Britain will soon be producing air liners with an all-round performance at least comparable (and in many instances showing a marked advance) with the most up to date passenger carrying aeroplanes in the world. The new aircraft—at present unnamed—is the outcome of an invitation by the Air Ministry to leading British aircraft manufacturers to design a large, fast air liner embodying the latest developments. The Fairey Aviation Company, Hayes, have now been notified that the design they submitted has been successful and an order has been placed with them. Photo shows a section view of the model of the new air liner showing the seating accommodation.

BIG DROP IN RAIL PASSENGERS

Decrease of 85,165,330 in the number of passenger journeys made during the nine months ended September 30 last compared with the corresponding period of 1936 is shown in the railway statistics. Total number of passenger journeys in the period was 945,677,300. And the decrease in the receipts from passengers (excluding season-ticket holders) was \$523,401, the total for the nine months being \$45,641,746. The decreases were roughly similar from London's electric system to the most distant branch lines.

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ARP NOT A.R.P.

Strangers in Northants sometimes think that the letters ARP on motor-vehicles have something to do with Air Raid Precautions. . . . Actually ARP is the county's new motor registration sign.

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PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE DARK

Several hundred boys and girls, while sitting in pitch darkness, had their photograph taken in London. The picture was made at a lecture at the Royal Society of Arts on the magic of the invisible infrared rays by which the picture was taken. Cameramen rushed away to develop the negative, and later the children saw the picture thrown on to a screen.



HOW DANCES ARE BORN—A fan sent Eleanor Powell this native doll, which the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star is displaying on the set. It gave Miss Powell an idea for a new dance, which she will create and perform in a forthcoming film.

BOYS AS POLICE

Mr. Jessel Rycroft, Manchester coroner, would like boys to be appointed as patrol officers to see children safely to and from school. "It is a fine idea to instruct senior boys in the care of little people of their particular home districts and it would help to save lives," he says.

"BIG POTATO" BAN EXPLAINED

Potato Marketing Board has explained why they are "quite justified in prohibiting the sale of 'out-size' potatoes". . . . Unfortunately, there are too many potatoes in the country just now because last year there was the biggest yield per acre within living memory. . . . If there were no regulations, farmers would unload as many potatoes as they could—good, bad and indifferent—with the result that the prices would drop to non-profit limits.

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HELPED BUILD OUR EMPIRE

Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Harding, Provincial Commissioner of the Gold Coast, 1918-22, died in London, aged seventy-five. His home was at Caversham, Reading. Colonel Harding served during the Mashonaland rebellion, recruited and equipped a force of 500 police for North Rhodesia, and later commanded the native police force of Barotseland.

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SACRIFICING THEIR POTATOES

Japanese women have been asked to stop eating sweet potatoes and so help Japan to win the "incident" in China.

Potatoes are now being used for conversion into industrial alcohol . . . which is badly needed.

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THE ORANGE-SPOTTER

Inquest has revealed a peculiar job . . . Richard Allen, forty-eight, of Southwark, who had gassed himself, was employed as an Admiralty chart colourer. His job was described as putting orange spots on maps to represent nightships.

LESSONS FOR BRITISH WIVES

Believing that British women are behind the Americans in the art of running homes, domestic science teachers are going to New York to get tips and hints.

Experts in the United States have invited the women to visit New York and the World's Fair in August. There they will see the newest labour-saving devices and household equipment (probably many of British origin).

Miss A. M. Lumby, secretary of the Institutional Management Association, which gives advice to housewives, says:

"We've made great strides in Britain during the last few years, but we are still behind the U.S.A. in the running and planning of homes.

"They study diet more carefully than we do so we should be able to learn one or two things about that."

Arrangements have also been made through Miss A. M. Ferguson, secretary of the Association of Teachers of Domestic Subjects, and Miss Lumby, for a tour of Canada.

So Britain's in-dirty again. . . . Well, we can't cook; our women dress like horses; we can't produce music. . . . Yet we lead the world in production of electrical equipment—and often have to give it a foreign name in order to sell it.

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NEARLY BROKE HIS HEART, TOO

Speeding up the wing in a practice game, Jimmy Evans, thirteen, of Folkestone Schoolboys' football team, slipped and broke his left arm. As doctors set it, he asked if he could play for his team against South London in the final of Division I of the English Shield competition. They assured him that the arm would be mended in time. When the match was played Jimmy was there. But his place was on the sideline. The doctors hadn't failed him . . . he'd broken his other arm while playing in the snow recently, and that put paid to his hopes. Folkestone lost. But if Jimmy had been playing well, you never know.



Boys at the Duke of York's Military School at Dover are put through an intensive physical training programme, in which boxing plays an important part. Photo shows substance and shadow boxing. Two of the lads cast perfect shadows as they practise boxing.

TWO GIRLS 'EARS' OF B.B.C.

The B.B.C. gets so many inquiries over the telephone that it has to employ two girls who do nothing else but handle them.

Another section of the staff deals with letters from listeners—100,000 a year, nowadays.

This huge mail lets the B.B.C. know what listeners are thinking. It incidentally reveals that broadcast exclamations like "Hell!" or even "Blimey," always provoke a few hundred people to grab writing paper and protest.

Many letters tell of illness and sorrow . . . and some even express thanks for features in the programmes.

"BROCCOLI FIRST" CRY FOR SAFER ROADS.

Many road crashes are now thought to be due to drivers not taking enough broccoli.

Accidents after dark are often caused by lack of vitamin A. Now, says the Home Economics Bureau of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, persons whose livers are short of vitamin A don't see well at night.

Experiments were made on three persons who got no vitamin A for six months. After thirty-six days one of them required ten times as much light to see normally by night. A week later he required 10,000 times as much light as ordinarily.

Broccoli is a vegetable rather like a cauliflower. Easiest ways of taking vitamin A are: Eat broccoli and eggs; drink orange juice and milk. These counteract "night blindness."

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LADY HAIG'S PLEA

Countess Haig has been unwell for a very long time, and is anxious to finish a book that she is writing and she, therefore, asks that anyone purposing to write to her will pause before doing so and think whether the letter is necessary. Countess Haig asks that she be left in peace to get on with her book.

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MEMORIAL 20 YEARS AFTER

Twenty years after the Great War . . . a movement is now on foot to provide a memorial in Drogheda. A meeting of townspeople is to be called.

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THE ENGLISH—AR

Two Points Of View On The Question

Are we English unsociable?, asks the "Daily Herald."

Leading for the "Ayes" is M. Stephan, chief lecturer in French to the B.B.C., who spoke at the John Ruskin School, Croydon, prize-giving.

MANY SCHEMES FOR BOMB-PROOF CAR PARKS

Construction of bomb-proof underground car parks in some London squares and open spaces may commence in the summer if Government approval can be secured for a number of schemes being worked out by various borough councils, and groups of private experts and architects.

Holborn Borough Council has already approved in principle of a plan for a car park under Russell-square, which would be impregnable from air attack. The park would be 60ft. underground and would have reinforced concrete and steel covering.

The appropriate authorities, including the Home Office, whose sanction must be obtained before construction can begin, are expected to give their decisions shortly.

Finsbury Borough Council has had under consideration the construction of similar shelter and car park under Finsbury-square.

The L.C.C. has had two schemes for dual-purpose Air Raid shelters placed before it by a group of London experts. These would be built 15 feet below ground level in Leicester-square and in Arnold-circus, Bethnal Green, the centre of an extensive housing estate.

BOMB AND GAS PROOF

The structures would be proof against splinters and against gas, incendiary and "medium weight" high explosive bombs. The Leicester-square park would hold 372 cars or 3,720 people and the Arnold-circus site 340 cars or 3,400 people.

Both schemes are likely to be approved in principle by the L.C.C., which is considering the question with the Home Office.

Several other detailed plans have been worked out, but nothing can be done without Government au-

thority and financial aid. Estimates of cost vary from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000 for those under review in London at present, but it is stated that by using them as car parks the shelters could be made to pay for themselves.

They would take about nine months each to complete. Entrances would be by means of ramps or circular runways. Open spaces like Kensington-square, in which 50 cars can now be parked, could accommodate 370 cars.

When I first came to this country to study English I boarded a train at Southampton, and during the whole journey to Waterloo not a word was spoken by anyone in the carriage," said M. Stephan.

"I came to the conclusion that the English language was made to be written and not spoken."

Eh bien! Merci mille fois, mon cher M. Stephan.

Strong support comes from a well-known author, who discussed M. Stephan's complaint with a reporter.

DR. A. J. CRONIN

"Stephan is absolutely right. I think we are extremely unsociable. It arises from our infernal self-consciousness."

"Some continental nations have a kind of spontaneous gaiety which is lacking in our case."

"We are not good mixers. M. Stephan, in his railway carriage, was in the worst possible environment in which to meet the English."

There is nothing an Englishman detests so much as someone opening the door of his railway carriage and getting in.

"Even abroad the English appear antagonistic to their own people."

"I am not saying anything derogatory about the English. Their unsociability is not a vice, but a product of this self-consciousness."

Apparently women as well as men think the English are unsociable.

Listen to one who writes

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"We are worse"

"I have just returned abroad for the first time, and I find that the English are often very remote."

Many of them had met English people who spoke English."

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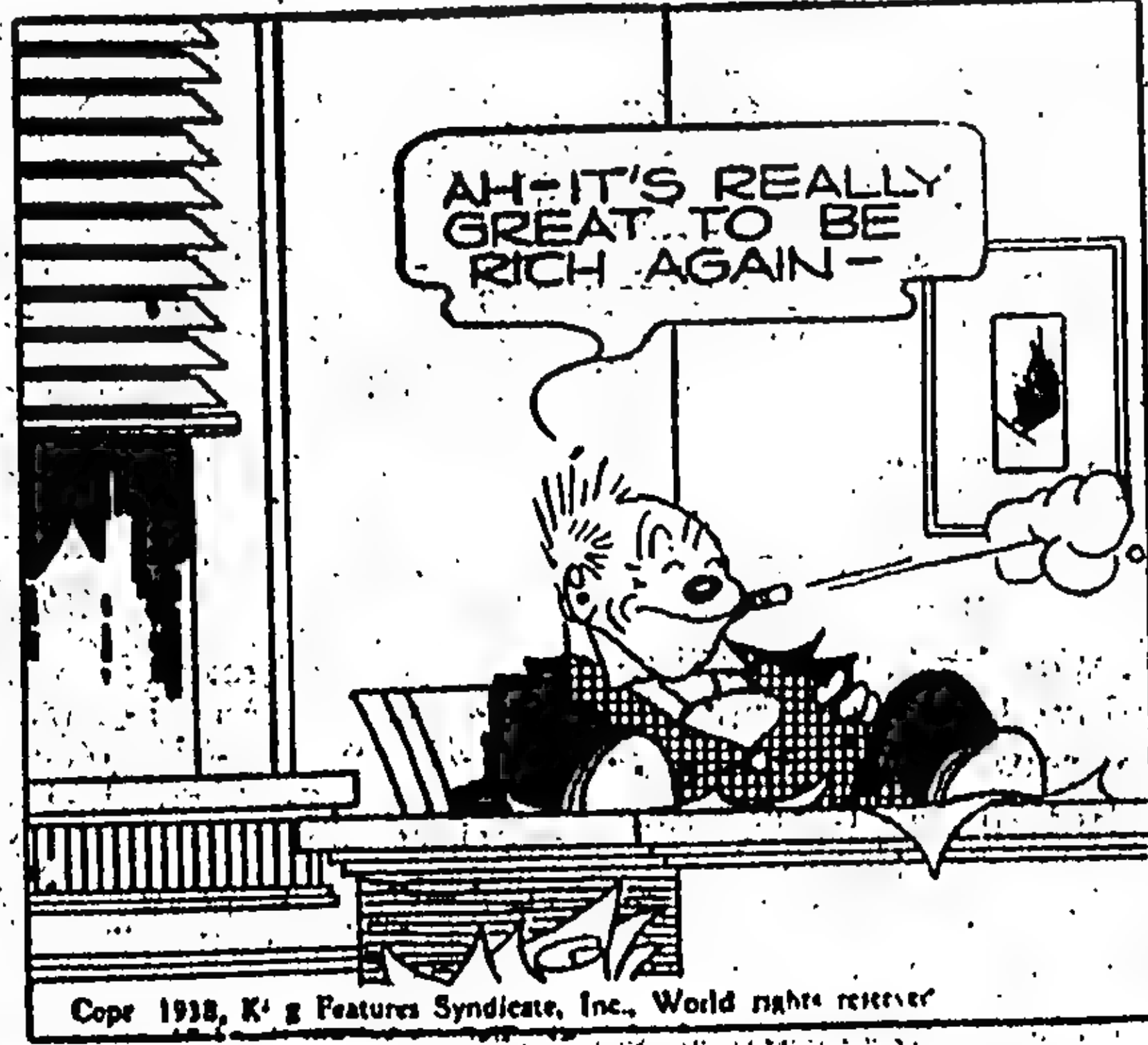
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Bringing Up Father



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ARE THEY UPPISH?



is a political in this country are not so unsociable, but the middle classes are particularly bad."

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Well, after those onslaughts hear a famous playwright and actor... **MR. EMLYN WILLIAMS**

"The suggestion that the English are unsociable is not true at all. I think they are merely shy, which is a very nice trait.

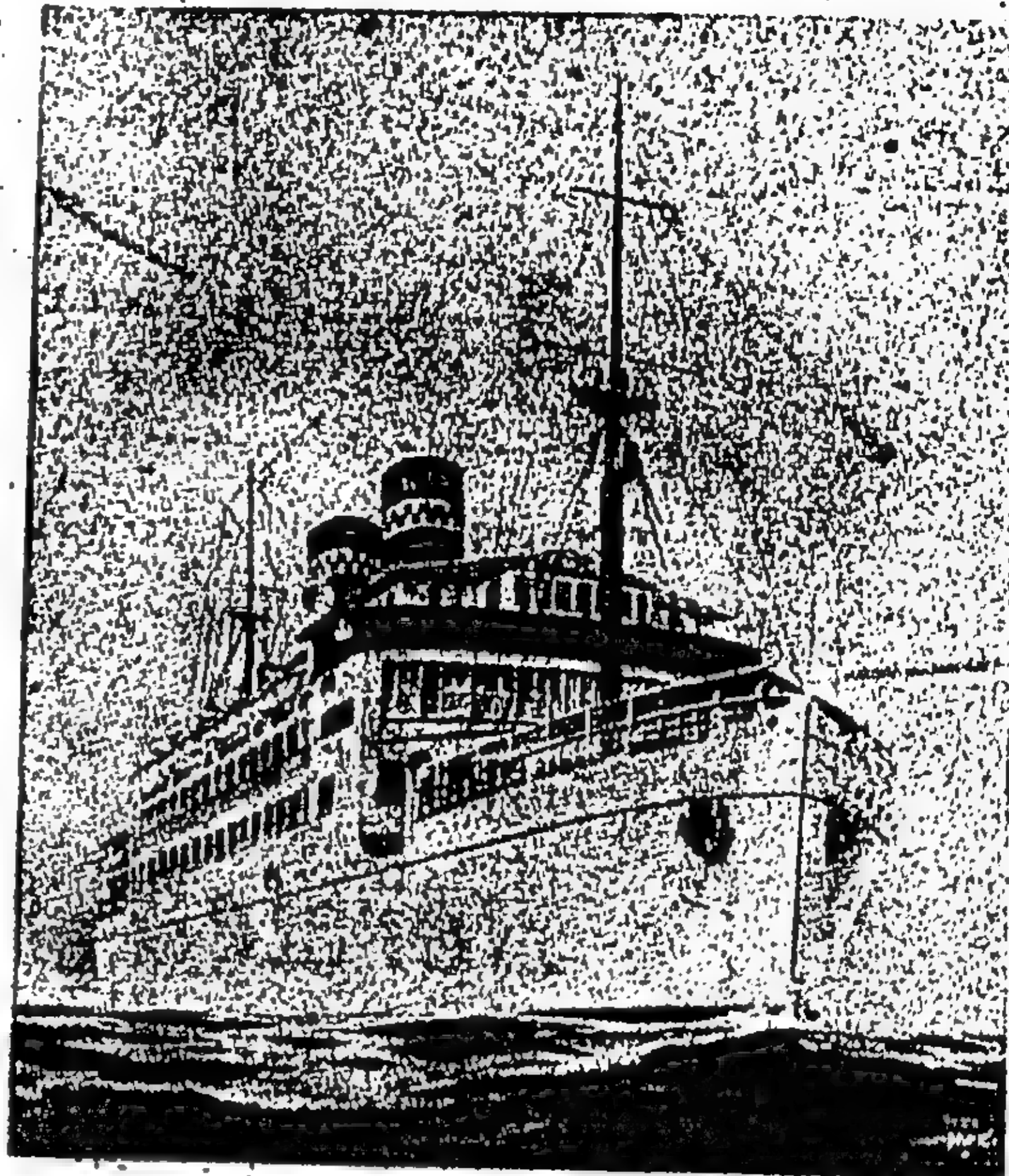
"It is much more fun to speak to someone who is shy and draw them out in a really intelligent conversation than to chatter like magpies all the time.

"It is only bores who starts conversations in railway carriages, anyway."

Christmas is probably more religiously and solemnly observed in Bethlehem than in any other part of the world. The Birthplace of Christ is the scene of many religious services and processions throughout the Christmas tide. Photo shows a memory of the days of the Crusaders. Children in Crusader costumes in procession to the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

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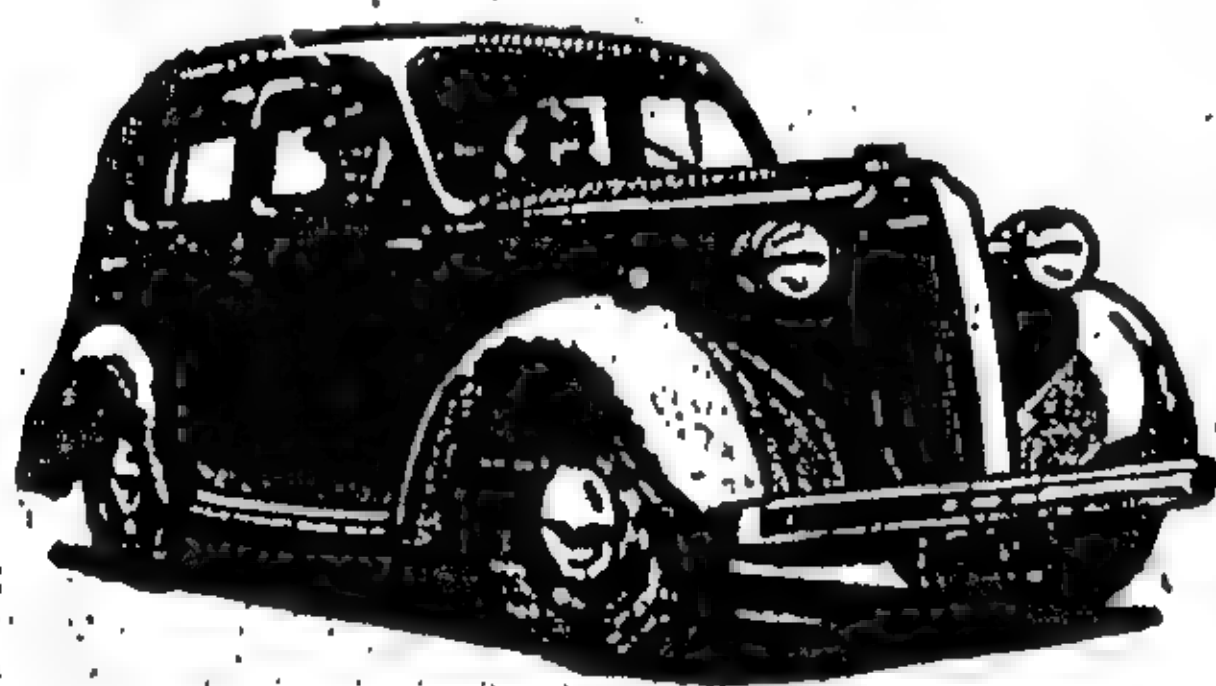
WHAT BECOMES OF THE HOLE WHEN THE DOUGHNUT IS EATEN ?

CHRIS BUEHLER
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What The Stars Foretell

(By AIR MAIL)

Through friendship you may get something you have greatly desired. Seek rather the sentiment back of any gift you may receive, instead of the price, for love is far more precious a contributing factor to consider than is "filthy factory." This will be a poor day for those who exhibit an overwhelming amount of pride, for a matter-of-factness among most of the people they are apt to contact will rebuff them. Bluntness, hot tact, is likely to be the outstanding characteristic of your average friend. If the truth hurts this day it probably will be due to some fault you are sense conscious of, so accept it graciously. You perhaps will have many reasons for a sense of deep gratitude this day, for there are indications that this day will be very

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"You don't have to be a sailor," says soliloquizing Elisabeth, "to know a tug of war isn't part of a battle fleet."

Design That Looks Ahead To Spring

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circular skirt, the high-shouldered sleeves and, above all, the bodice gathers that round out your bustline. Braid is cleverly used to emphasise the charm of line, with an unusual effect that simulates a bolero. Flat crepe, silk prints, thin wool, are all smart for this.



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propitious for your personal affairs. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who feel their love dreams are about to become realities, ought to avoid asking questions of a personal nature, if they would save themselves and their beloved ones, a lot of embarrassment.

If a woman and February 8 is your birthday be careful not to allow superstitions to become a veritable bugbear in your life. You should always keep your mind free of fancied fears or mysterious forebodings. The horn of plenty may pour out an abundance of blessings and gifts into your lap, so if prosperity has not already paid you a visit you can anticipate it, with very few chances of being disappointed. As a real estate agent, insurance broker, tea room or shop manager, newspaper woman, artist, musician, singer or secretary you may have an opportunity to win recognition and make money. Your judgment of men, when it comes to selecting a husband, is likely to be excellent.

The child born on February 8 probably will have acquired sufficient wisdom and discernment to assure its success in any undertaking when it reaches its majority.

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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY



LUCILLE BALL, R. K. O. star, as she looked as a platinum blond when she first went to Hollywood, and later after her hair was changed by Mel Burns, make-up expert.

Bleached Or Tinted Hair

Having the price for an expert hair colouring job is only the beginning—and not the end—to the cost of hair beauty. For dyed or bleached hair requires constant attention and the most careful treatment to retain the beauty you are seeking.

In the first place no woman should begin to dye or bleach her tresses unless she can afford monthly retouching jobs by the same expert who first treated her hair—that is if she wants to keep it lovely looking. Hair grows at the rate of one-half to one and one-half inches each month, and the new hair, naturally, is never the same shade as the touched hair.

Between retouching jobs only the minimum amount of scalp treatment is wise, so if your hair is dry or in poor condition refrain from changing its colour. Go in for a series of reconditioning treatments before you have it touched up or you will be more disappointed with your looks after the job than you were before you spent your good money on a dye or bleach.

There is a great deal of nonsense written about hair dyes. Some manufacturers promise you fadeless colours, others tell you convincingly that your hair will be in better condition after you dye or bleach it than it was before.

The fact is the chemicals in either a dye or a bleach are bound to strip the hair of some of its natural health, but few of the recognized products are harmful. And dyed hair fades as it grows and when you wash it. You must realize there is a definite price of time and money demanded once you begin to tamper with your hair colouring! A caution you again to have it done by a reliable operator and to return to that same operator for additional colourings. Otherwise your hair is quite likely to be of different hues as shades vary with the change of products. And retouching is definitely an art.

BRUSH HAIR TO BEAUTY

If the job is well done, daily brushing will add to its beauty, and finger massage of the scalp. But scalp tonics and salves are risky, other than mineral oil or olive oil which should be put on and steamed just before you sit through a retouching operation. If you leave oil on over night you are quite likely to remove too much of the colouring and make necessary an entire head job instead of just a retouch.

Your shampoos should be with pure castile liquid soap to be safe. Dyed or bleached hair frequently reacts unfavourably to prepared shampoos.

I do not advise hair tinting done at home—unless a person who has learned the art will do it for you. I say this because numerous women write me about the frightful results they have had from home attempts.

The dye or bleach must grow out, if you are disappointed in the colouring, unless you can afford expensive methods to change the shade satisfactorily. So think seriously before you dye or bleach your own hair.

I am not against hair tinting or bleaching. But I am definitely not in favour of ruined heads of hair on women who have little means to pay for corrective treatments!



SHELL-PINK JERSEY . . . drapes this stunning Allx model worn by Rosalind Russell. Especially designed for the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress, its sophisticated lines are achieved through draping, the material being entirely in one piece. Toeless black crepe sandals with the border trimmed in black sequins; diamond and ruby bracelet and earrings complete the evening ensemble.

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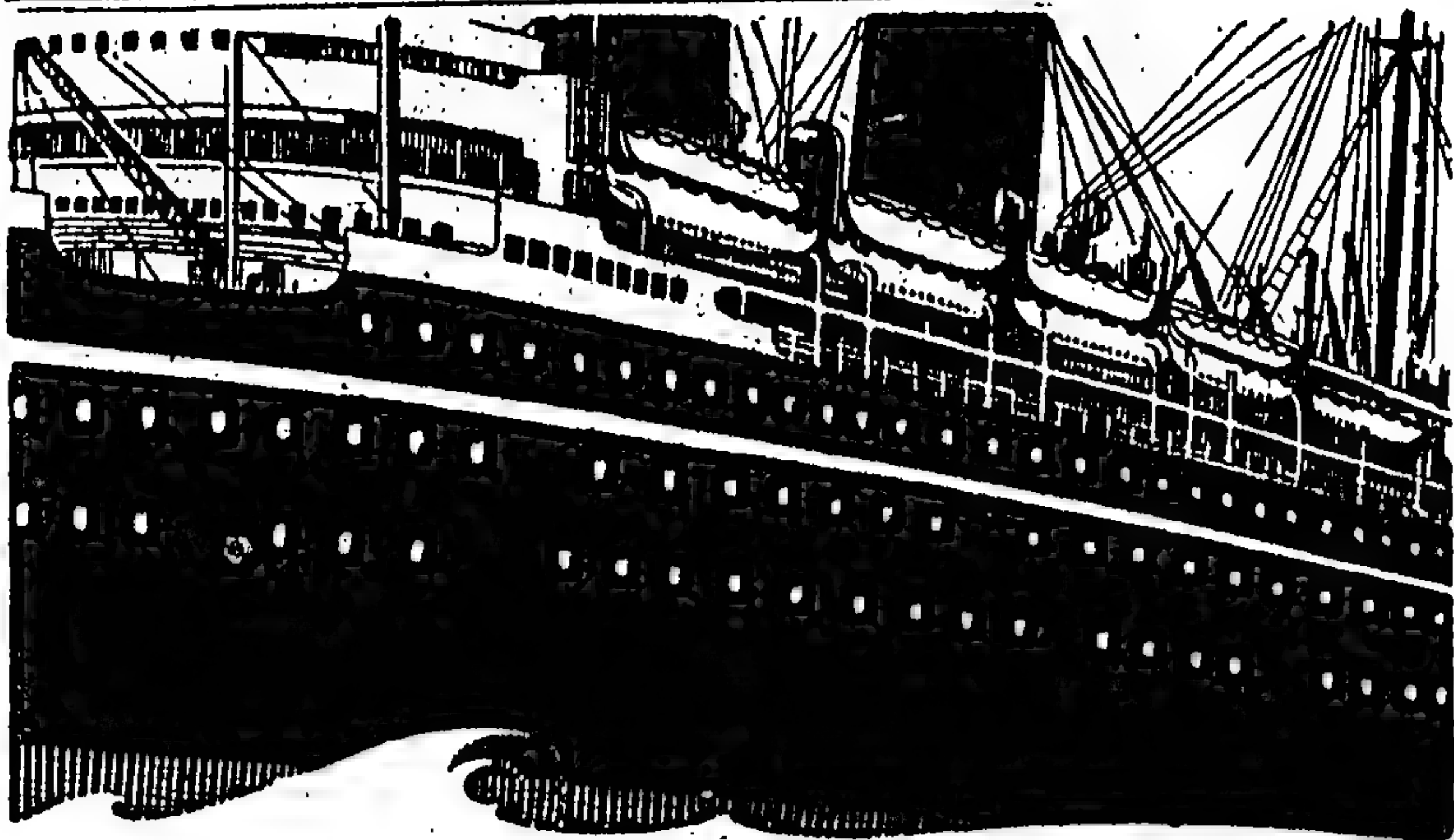
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Shanghai and Swatow	Prominent	February 9.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 12th Jan. ..	Hakone Maru	February 10.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	February 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Behar	February 10.
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Java	Tjibadak	February 10.
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THURSDAY

Swatow and Shanghai	Chungking	Feb. 9, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Chuanchow and Foochow	Emp. of Russia	Feb. 9, 8 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Feb. 9, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 16th Feb. ..	Imperial Airways Plane Thurs., Feb. 9.	
	K.P.O.	Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 18th Feb. ..	Imperial Airways Plane Thurs., Feb. 9.	
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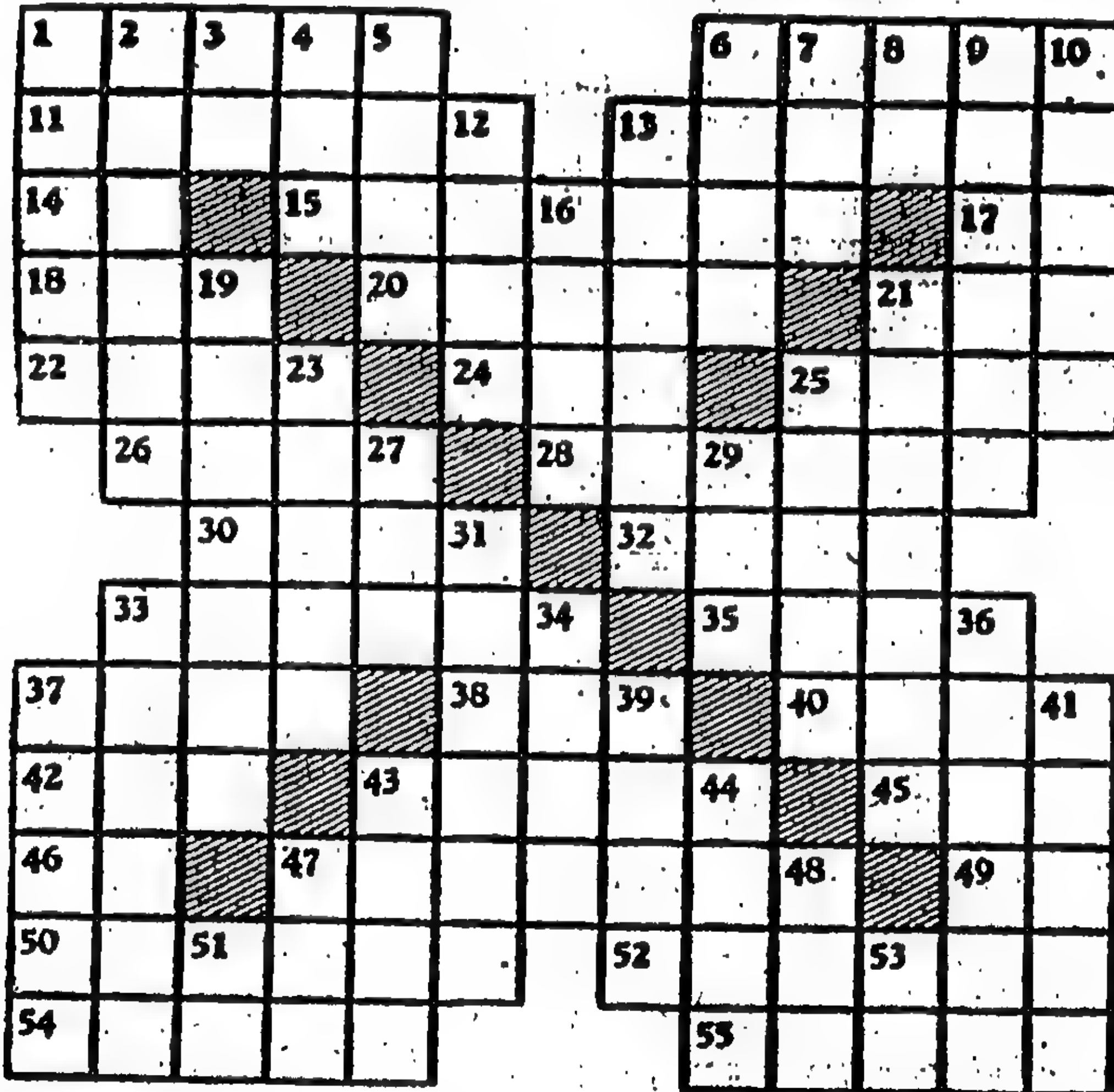
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Saigon, Madang, Salamaua, and Rabaul.
 M.V. NEPTUNA Saturday, 11th Feb.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.
 TANGO MARU Thursday, 9th Feb.
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- 1 To prop
- 6 To defy
- 11 Woman's name
- 13 Beverage
- 14 While
- 15 Liberal
- 17 Colloquial: energy
- 18 Belgian town
- 20 Wading bird
- 21 Title of honour
- 22 Farm labourer
- 24 Porcine genus
- 25 Clear
- 26 Vascular skin
- 28 To send back
- 30 Cross
- 32 Levantine ship
- 33 Flew
- 35 Melody
- 37 Canopy
- 38 Eloquent
- 40 Corp
- 42 Porridge
- 43 Spoken

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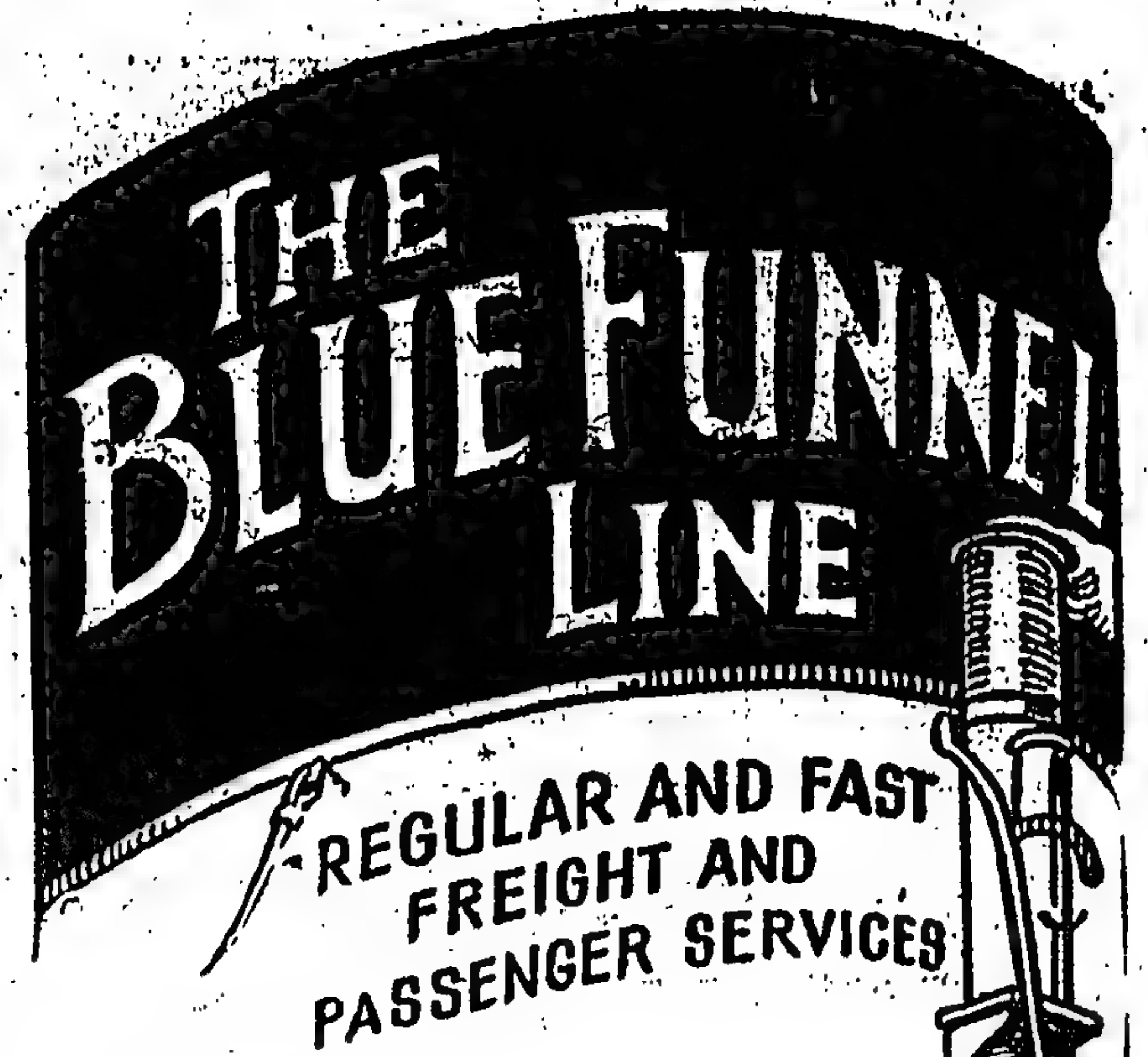
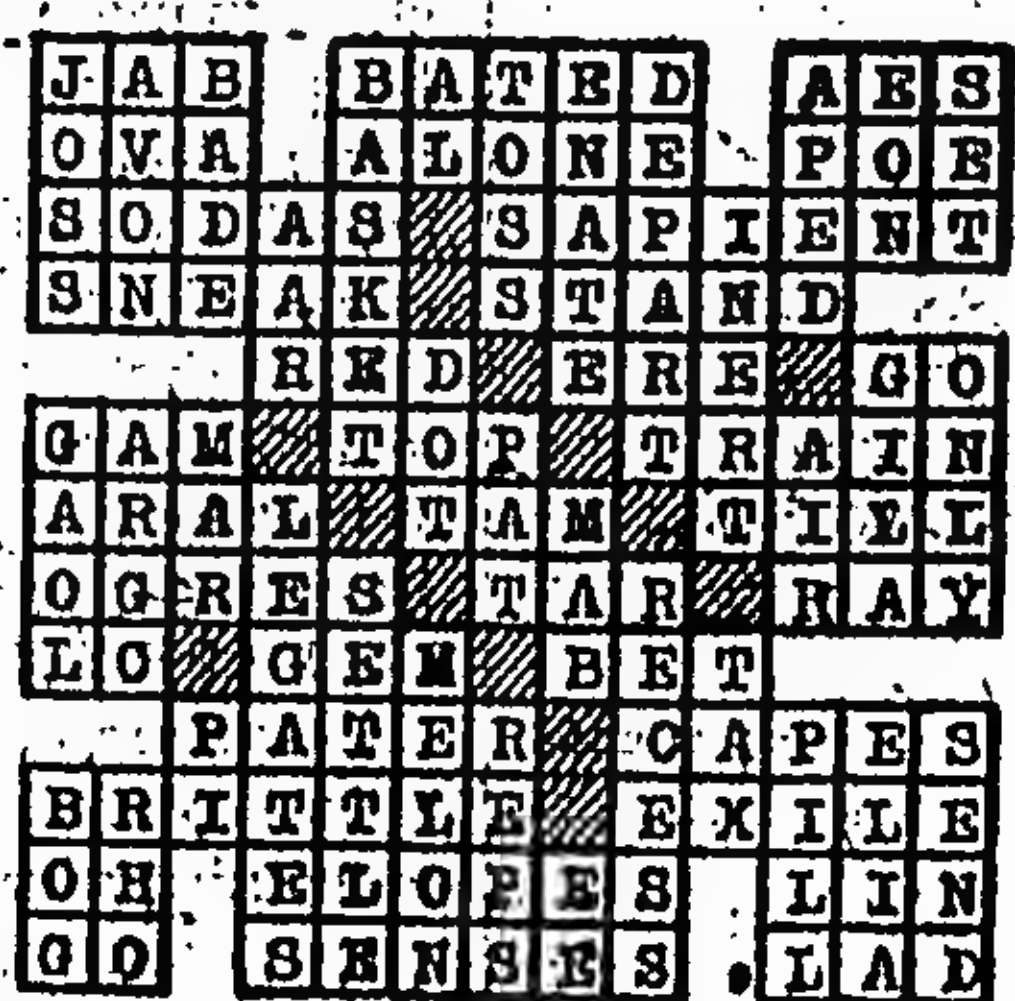
- 45 Sufficient
- 46 Plural suffix
- 47 Cloaks
- 49 Musical syllable
- 50 To recall
- 52 Garden tool
- 54 Constaminates

VERTICAL

- 1 Shatter to pieces
- 2 Bristly
- 3 Conjunction
- 4 To tear
- 5 Lugs
- 6 Small wood

- 7 Before
- 8 Preposition
- 9 To view
- 10 To hum
- 12 Bugle notes
- 13 Puckers
- 16 Number
- 19 Without fluid
- 21 Poem by Alexander Pope
- 23 Falls
- 25 Mates
- 27 Swab
- 29 Lamb's cry
- 31 Claim
- 33 Grimm boy hero
- 34 To move quickly
- 36 Charm
- 37 Elks
- 39 Festive gathering
- 41 Sets of bells
- 43 Hinge sockets
- 44 To bustle
- 47 Russian commune
- 48 Old French coin
- 51 Greek letter
- 53 Pronoun

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American Shipments Of Arms To China And Japan

San Francisco.

Arms shipments from the United States to the Far East, including both China and Japan, are falling off at a very heavy rate, the Institute of Pacific Relations reports.

This is attributed to two general causes.

In the case of China, the shipments have declined owing to the fact that the Japanese have cut off practically all of the available lines of communications. In the case of Japan, however, the decline is attributed to:

1. Pressure brought to bear on the state department against the further shipment of airplanes to Japan, while at the same time the demand for American aircraft by other foreign countries so exceeds the production possibilities of the American manufacturers that the latter can afford to be "choosy" in their markets, and thus drop the Japanese field, and,

2. Japanese difficulty in getting sufficient foreign exchange for purchases in this country.

CHINA PURCHASES IRREGULAR

The granting of export licenses to China, the Institute reports, has shown a very irregular course for the greater part of the year. The high point was reached in April of 1938, when export licenses to China reached a total of \$2,527,161.

There followed two months with drops to \$532,298 and \$1,236,000, after which there was a drop to \$164,698 and \$122,488 for July and August, respectively. Figures for September and October show first a jump to \$706,135 and then a slump to \$1,949, which virtually means a disappearance of arms export licenses to China.

However, the recent granting by the United States of a credit of \$25,000,000 to China, principally for the purchase of automobile trucks that will probably be used largely in maintaining lines of communication from British Burma and from the Soviet, may see a revival in the purchase of arms from here.

CIVILIAN BOMBING

In the case of Japan, the Institute believes, the falling off in arms export from the United States has been due largely to the pressure brought to bear on the state department, especially in the matter of aircraft.

NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

Paris, February 1.

Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet received to-day the new French ambassador to China, M. Henry Cosme, who is leaving shortly to take up his post.—Havas.

This was revealed in one of the press conferences of State Secretary Cordell Hull when he stated that the administration was being pressed to stop the shipment of aircraft to all countries where the civilian population was being bombed.

It is pointed out that when an American manufacturer really wants to ship airplanes to Japan and insists on his rights, he can still get an export license, but with the European countries swamping the American plants with orders that will take years to fill, it is not worth the trouble to the manufacturers to insist on being permitted to supply Japan.

Only two of the first seven months of 1938 showed export licenses in arms to Japan of less than \$1,000,000, two of them approaching the \$2,000,000 mark. But, beginning with August, the export licenses fell greatly from \$1,125,493 for July to \$179,249 in August. This decline was continued in September and October when the total amount of the licenses for each month was \$78,720 and \$85,138, respectively.

DECLINE STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

The September orders were for airplane parts rather than for aircraft, while October orders were largely for revolvers, pistols and ammunition therefor. But even here, the Institute states, there was noticeable decline over similar purchases for June, July and August.

The Institute points out that the compilation of arms export licenses issued on exports to China and Japan during the first 10 months of the year show an interesting picture as regards the claims that the American policy has been to Japan's advantage.

For the January-October period of 1938, American arms exports to China totalled \$7,760,360, while for the same period those to Japan totalled \$9,019,458.

However, it is pointed out that if the recent trend downward of arms shipments to the two countries continues, the question of which is the most favoured nation will be a purely academic one.

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

Pay. Lt. J. E. Stevens (Kent); H. D. Bidwell (Club); W. E. Grieve (Club); P. O. Askwith (Navy) and D. H. Stewart (Club); Lt. W. Elliot (Navy) and J. R. Henderson (Club); 2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson (Army), K. W. Salter (Club), K. A. Watson (Club); A. F. Walkden (Club); W. E. Peers (Club); Lt. E. N. Pumphrey (Navy), A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and Lt. I. M. Anderson (Navy).

An accident of a minor nature occurred at the Valley this morning in the course of training. Mr. S. W. Lee, a novice jockey, took out his own pony, The Leopard, formerly owned by Messrs. Tester and Abraham, and on nearing the half mile post the pony was seen to stumble, unseating the rider. Mr. Lee, however, escaped with no injury to himself, and he was seen riding again later in the morning.

H. Barros and C. A. Barretto (Recreio) beat P. C. Hsu and T. F. Wong 4-6, 6-3, 8-6.

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After three days in Bangkok, Sir Shenton Thomas will visit the ruins of Angkor Wat and will visit Phom-Penh, Saigon and the hill station of Dalat before returning to Singapore from Saigon by Netherlands plane on Feb. 15.—Reuter.

The Crystal, paper edited by Chien Hwa, Chief of the Japanese-controlled Press Censorship Bureau, who was killed by a gunman on February 6, announced yesterday that it would suspend publication as from today.—Central News.

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CRICKET AT ITS BEST SEEN AT KING'S PARK

Those scoffers who are inclined to designate cricket as a game fit for old men and girls should have been present at King's Park on Saturday and watched the match between Club de Recreio and Indian Recreation, the most important of last week's cricket programme.

I have seldom if ever seen spectators worked up to such a pitch of excitement as in the concluding stages of this game when a result one way or the other would not have occasioned any surprise.

Although Recreio went so near to accomplishing the task of beating I.R.C., a feat only rarely performed in the past half-dozen seasons, I really felt that if any decision had been arrived at, I.R.C. should have got it.

By that I do not mean to depreciate Recreio's undoubtedly fine display. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that Recreio had first use of a wicket that was always tricky; that I.R.C. batted in foul light in the closing stages; that they also made a gallant attempt to get the runs despite a perfectly wretched start, and lost most of their latter wickets in the process.

Opportunity Missed

When I.R.C. wickets did begin to topple fast in the last 20 minutes, however, Recreio missed a glorious opportunity of forcing a result. Minu was hitting hard and Kitchell, having performed all that was required of him in retrieving the bad start, was scoring fairly steadily, when Silva, fielding in the gully, put down one of the most ridiculously simple catches I have ever seen dropped. Everyone gaped in astonishment!

It is incidents like this that lose games. A few moments later, Eddie Gosano, who had earlier taken a brilliant catch low down near the pavilion screen to dismiss A. H.



Madar, got to a skier hit by Minu but dropped it. Still later, L. G. Gosano again dropped Minu and it seemed at this stage that Recreio would not be able to hold anything, however simple.

However, Soares held a couple of catches to put out Kitchell and M. el Arculli and L. G. Gosano redeemed himself by holding, off Minu, a similar catch to the one he had dropped, and I.R.C., with only one wicket then to go, were compelled to shut up shop.

That Last Over

I shall never forget that last over as long as I live! The whole Recreio field was on its toes and crowded in ready to snap up anything. Eddie Gosano was bowling and Minu was hitting! He was caught off the fourth ball but the batsmen had crossed, and joined by the last man, M. P. Madar, who was the best man I.R.C. could have had at the time to face the crisis, successfully survived two balls although there was a terrific appeal for l.b.w., off the last ball.

The field walked off and spectators were still speculating on the result of the appeal whilst they were on their way in. It was then learned that the umpire—what an unenviable position he was in—had ruled in favour of the batsman, quite rightly to from what I saw of it. The ball would probably have cleared the sticks.

For Recreio, L. G. Gosano, who, promoted from the junior team this year, is rapidly assuming the responsibility of being the team's most consistent batsman, E. L. Gosano and E. M. L. Soares, scored the bulk of the 111 runs the innings realised. The two, latter hit very hard when the opportunities arose,

Gosano hitting one six and Soares two, one of which all but cleared the pavilion.

A. H. Madar, bowled very consistently and thoroughly deserved his 6 for 39.

Baker's Influence

I was not at all surprised at Civil Service beating Craigen-gower. The return of Baker, as I anticipated, has made a world of difference to a side which on paper, looked capable of better things than they have accomplished.

Nevertheless, set with the simple task of scoring 67 runs for a win, they almost failed and Baker and Lawrence made a few runs near the end to just enable the very fine job of dismissing C.C.C. for 66 to be rewarded.

BY "ADREM"

I am told that despite his remarkable analysis, 10-5-7-4, Baker was not nearly as good as one would have thought. Craigen-gower batsmen got themselves out and thus placed themselves definitely out of the races for honours.

Only Archie Zimmern managed to make any runs and he got 23. Rapley made 10 and A. K. Ismail 17. I have never been able to find out why the latter always goes in so late. Possibly it is to stiffen up the tail. In any event, he has saved the side on innumerable occasions and I feel that promotion in the batting-order might mean a crop of runs from this batsman who has a very fine defence and an adequacy of scoring strokes.

Consistent Batting

Over at Kowloon, K.C.C. once more demonstrated their potentialities. The most pleasing feature of their batting this year has been its consistency. In their three League games to date, they have topped 160 on each occasion without the whole side being dismissed and the highest individual score so far has been Anderson's 40 against Army. Against Craigen-gower, Gittins' 27 was top-score, while on Saturday, Mackay headed the batsmen with 29.

It cannot be said, that Navy's bowling was very formidable, however. Paxton, on a turf wicket, is not half the man he is on matting. He does not come off so fast and back play against him is as safe as houses.

Of the other bowlers, Whitmarsh was definitely good. This fine cricketer evidently makes it a practice of studying the batsmen, finds their weaknesses and capitalises on them. He noticed, for instance, that Mackay was reaching for the ball just short of a length outside the off stump. The result was just such a ball turning away and a catch in the gully in his first over.

He was always difficult to score off and had he been used earlier on, K.C.C. might well have been pegged down to such an extent that they would later have lost wickets in an effort to get sufficient runs to enable them to declare in good time.

Navy's Fielding Good

Kowloon's batting was very strong in the middle and after

Teddy Fincher had been run out—he wouldn't run when Anderson called what appeared to be a safe one—and Anderson had been caught where he usually is caught, Broadbridge and Burnett carried the score along sufficiently to enable the hitters to have a bang towards 4 o'clock.

Navy's fielding was generally good, Holdsworth being brilliant at cover, and, although quite a lot of singles were let through by the in-fielders, the field was extraordinarily well-placed and fours were most difficult to obtain.

There is little that can be said about Navy's innings. Booth, an awkward bat but a most difficult man to dislodge, displayed an immaculately straight bat to anything straight and waited for the short ones to hook. He was the only man who stayed any length of time and was a trifle unfortunate to be beaten by a good ball from Lee for l.b.w.

Lee bowled reasonably well, swerving a lot and not bowling very much loose stuff. I still feel, however, that he would meet with far more success if he bowled more on the off, swinging away into slips, instead of attacking the stumps all the time.

Goodwin Proved

Goodwin proved himself as an opening bowler and did a good job of work when he dismissed Fuller and Whitmarsh before they had a chance of settling down. He was inclined to put up some very loose stuff on the leg later on, however, and might have usefully come off about three overs sooner.

CRICKET AVERAGES TO-MORROW

League cricket averages for both First and Second Divisions will be published in all issues of the "China Mail" to-morrow.

Lloyd did well to take 3 for 7 in two overs as first change and definitely does appear better as a change rather than an opening bowler.

Most pleasing feature of this innings from the K.C.C. point of view, was the fielding. Four catches were put up, none of them particularly easy, and all were held. Broadbridge took a nice one in the slips and so did Teddy Fincher, while special mention must be made of George White's usual catch, this time a well-judged one at deep mid-on.

John Pearce's Day

Club secured three points at the expense of Army but they cannot be said to have covered themselves in glory in the process. Fortunately for them John Pearce was in excellent form both with bat and ball and, thanks mainly to his efforts, they just managed to do the trick with a bare two wickets to spare.

Only Army batsman to stand up to Pearce was Major Murray, who followed up a useful innings against Kowloon the previous week by making 31.

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CALDBECK'S

Cricket At Its Best Seen At King's Park

(Continued from Page 22)

Hatfield, one of the most consistent bowlers in the Colony, had nearly all the Club batsmen in difficulties and there is little doubt that if John Pearce had not made his 39, they would have lost.

STEPHENS' BRILLIANT CENTURY

Fay An Interporter?

Club juniors suffered their first defeat in a game which should have seen an extremely close finish.

There were various factors to be taken into account, however, chief of them being the bowling of Brian Fay, whose first three overs yielded an analysis of three wickets for 0 runs, and the batting of J. L. Stephens.

Fay has a short easy run, is fast through the air and even faster off the wicket and that is what had Club batsmen guessing right from the start. Here is an Interporter ready-made without a doubt!

With Club having dismissed nine of their opponents for just over 100 runs, their skipper made what turned out to be a most unfortunate change of bowling.

Divett and Robb were getting the wickets—or so their analyses say—and Stephens had just completed his 50 and looked like carrying his bat for that figure, when Bishop and Bond were put on. Two overs from each end, Stephens completed his century and the score was almost 200!

It seems strange that Norman Fox is only rarely called upon for a second spell—a reversion to the opening pair of bowlers would probably have seen Police out for 120 or so.

Stephens started shakily. Then, with his eye in, hit at everything overpitched or short. It was a good thing for the safety of the rigger men that he was not batting while the Malaya game was taking place next door!

He had three lives during his innings but on the whole played a sound forceful game on a most atrocious wicket.

After Stephens, the highest contributor to the score was Mr. Extras—Lovett has seldom been so poor behind the sticks.

Fay's "Sizzlers"

Club started off their formidable task in wicked style. Mackenzie never saw one of Fay's "sizzlers." Armstrong followed similarly, Divett swiped at a good-length ball and missed, but Fox who followed, played a typical innings, hit five fours and looked like getting more until a beautiful break-back from Pope shattered his wicket.

Then King was given the wrong end of a very narrow run out decision and though Mitchell hung on grimly, he could get nobody to stay. A change of bowling saw the Club total mount a little but a splendid ball from Carey nicked Lovett's bails and the game was over.

A most remarkable match was that at King's Park between Royal Navy and K.C.C. Never was the glorious uncertainty of cricket more fully illustrated.

Shortly before 4 o'clock, Navy

and lost eight wicket for 114 runs and, in view of the fact that Kowloon had run up a score of over 200 against Army the previous week, it seemed any odds on their winning.

Then came Capt. Carless! The opinion held by the Navy authorities regarding his batting speaks for itself—he went in at the fall of the eighth wicket—and his scores in his other two League games have been 5 and 1 not out.

Hurricane Innings

Unfortunately for K.C.C., he chose this match to show what he really can do. He hit at all and sundry. Not just blind hitting but really scientific stuff. He knocked two balls over the fence and found the boundary on seven occasions.

In an unbroken partnership with Mid. Falle, who scored 4, he added 62 runs for the last wicket and when Navy declared at 5.23, the score had been taken to 182 and they were out of the wood.

K.C.C. never had an earthly of getting the runs and they might well have lost if Tommy Madar had not played a dour innings of 31 not out. I am told that several of the early K.C.C. batsmen were "yorked," a poor indication of their experience, I fear.

Craigengower occasioned no surprise by defeating Civil Service. The later could only muster 77 runs for which they have John Barrow very largely to thank. Barrow, now going in where he should, first, batted sturdily for his 33. He was never attractive to watch but the position of his side never called for attraction at the expense of safety.

A. M. Omar deserves full marks for his bowling, 6 for 11, but the fact that most of the opposition were in the "rabbit" class, at least their performances in this game would lead one to think so, detracts somewhat from the achievement.

Lim Hits!

Craigengower had little difficulty in knocking off the runs. H. P. Lim, back again from the firsts to lend a bit of backbone to the batting, did all that was expected of him. He did a little more—he hit a few and generally batted far more attractively than he has done this season.

The fact that Recreio dismissed Army for 94 runs is not so surprising as the manner in which they knocked these runs off. Their bowling is always fairly adequate and A. V. Gosano, who took 4 for 18, was well supported by R. Soares, G. N. Gosano and F. G. Carvalho.

With the bat, H. M. Xavier made 28 and G. N. Gosano batted very attractively for 59 not out. Here is another Interporter in the making.

I.R.C. and University had a most thrilling game at Sookunpoo. University needed five runs for a win when the last over was started, they only got four and thus had to be content with one point instead of three.

It would have been decidedly unfortunate for I.R.C. if they had lost, however, as their captain, under the impression that stumps would be drawn at 6 p.m., declared at 4.15 and thus gave the undergraduates nearly two hours to score the necessary runs—a task that they should have accomplished.

For the Indians, H. T. Berma, N. Singh, A. Bakar and M. R. Abbas all made runs, while J. Fong, W. S. Gegg and G. Hong Choy were University's principal scorers.



ENTRIES AND HANDICAPS FOR KWANTI GRAND NATIONAL MEET

The following are the entries and handicaps for the Grand National Meeting to be held at Kwanti, on February 12:—

"The Kwanti Cup". A handicap flat race of 1 mile for China ponies classified on December 31, 1938, as "D" class. Cuban Love (140 lbs.), Final Triumph (145 lbs.), Flybnight (151 lbs.), Good Morning (140 lbs.), Plain View (160 lbs.), Royal Highness (158 lbs.), Sylvandale (161 lbs.), Tempest (152 lbs.), The Leopard (144 lbs.), Tribute (144 lbs.).

"The Au Tau Handicap". A flat race of 6 furlongs for China ponies classified on December 31, 1938, as "E" class. Cricketer (140 lbs.), Heriot (163 lbs.), Latitat (140 lbs.), Mac's Adventure (163 lbs.), Mac's Second Venture (140 lbs.), March Brown (163 lbs.), National Dignity (149 lbs.), Stymie (163 lbs.).

Macao Wish To Meet Our Best Soccer Eleven

Interport Fixed For April 16

The Macao Football Association have written to the Hong Kong Football Association informing them that the date for the annual Interport game between the two ports has been fixed for April 16. The letter adds that it is hoped that Hong Kong will be able to send their First Division Interport team.

Macao have won both games played so far, but as in both cases the Hong Kong team was drawn from players of the junior division, it is now thought the Macao will be able to extend a First Division team as the result of the great improvement made in soccer there.

The matter will come up at the next Council meeting.

Watch Right Elbow

By BEST BALL

One of the first movements as the downstroke gets underway is to allow the right elbow to drop down near the right side. It is more or less of a natural motion but must be constantly watched nevertheless. Bobby Jones, whose right elbow positions are illustrated here, often found that errors in his stroke were caused by the tendency of the right elbow to go astray. Allowed to remain up too high, the left arm is very apt to swing the clubhead out too far from the body. This will cause it to cut across the ball from the outside in on the downstroke and cause a slice. With the right elbow hugging the side, the left arm must pull the club down close to the body and either come onto the ball in a straight ahead hit or an inside out arc. It means all the difference between controlled hitting and haphazard swinging. Friday—Accuracy Vs. Power

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Navy Over Another Hurdle



The Macao Hockey Club fielded a very strong eleven, seen above, against the Army Triangular Tournament side last Sunday on the Army ground at Sookunpoo when they shared two goals. A Ramalho, their star forward, was an absentee. Alex. Aires and Laertes Costa (Captain) who were two of three outstanding players on view are extreme left of the front row and second from the right respectively. ("China Mail" photo.)

Middlesex Beaten In Senior League

(By "UBIQUE")

Royal Navy negotiated yet another hurdle in their quest for First Division League honours when they defeated Middlesex at Sookunpoo yesterday, by the odd goal in three. Their win, however, was far from convincing as the soldiers had as much of the play, but were dogged by bad luck during several stages of the game.

The soldiers' attack was much livelier than the sailors' and, but for the stout defence offered by Newby and Still, the Navy backs, should have won. Even then, Middlesex had ample opportunities to score. The tendency of their wingers to be off-side, however, robbed them of several chances.

Three Interporters were on view, Sheehan, of the Middlesex, and Dixon and Honeywill, of the Navy.

If the form displayed by Sheehan yesterday is any indication of what he will provide in the Interport game, then the selectors must be congratulated on their choice.

He played a great game throughout, covering well and kicking cleanly, his tackling leaving nothing to be desired. He was the outstanding obstacle to the Navy attack.

Dixon, the Navy pivot, did not reproduce that sparkle which has featured a number of his games. He was definitely not at his best.

Honeywill, at right half, did not have a chance to shine against the Middlesex left-wing combination, Marrabelle and Saw, who had him in difficulties for the greater part of the game. Only the display of Newby, at left-back, prevented a bigger score from this quarter.

Navy's backs were outstanding, and Newby caught the eye with his hefty kicking. Still gave another polished display, while Fisher, playing in front of him, was a great asset in both defence and attack.

Thorburn took the opportunities offered him and scored both Navy's goals.

In the second period Marrabelle reduced Middlesex's arrears with a snap goal.

Navy:—Dickenson; Still and Newby; Fisher, Dixon and Honeywill; Armstrong, Morrill, McVicar, Thorburn and Hunt.

Middlesex:—Jackson; Cooper and Sheehan; Freshwater, Thomas, Willinson; Pearson, Courtney, Tait, Saw and Marrabelle.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB'S HONG FOURSOMES

The draw for the Kowloon Golf Club's 'Hong' Foursomes Competition is as follows:—

First Round
Sassoon & Co. v. Dodwell & Co.
Second Round
Davie Hoag & Co., Ltd.
H.K. & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. v. H.K. and K. W. and Godown Co.
Harbour Department v. H.K. Government (Small Units).
P. W. Department v. Noronha & Co.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY MATCH

At Happy Valley to-day Club "A" will play Royal Engineers. The Club side is:—J. T. Brown; K. A. Munro, D. B. Nelson, E. M. Watts, H. van Leeuwen; M. G. Carruthers; R. Rutherford; R. G. L. Olliphant (Captain); J. F. Burford; W. Stoker; B. O'M. Deane; J. Moodie; E. H. G. White, W. A. Johnson, P. Welch.

INTERPORT HOCKEY TEAM AT PRACTICE

Meet Indians To-day At King's Park

(By "STICKS")

Two practice hockey matches have been arranged for the 15 players invited to make the trip to Macao on February 19, for the Interport match against the Macao Club.

This afternoon on the Army ground, at Gascoigne Road, the Interport players will meet a Combined Indian team commencing at 4.45 p. m., while on Sunday next, February 12, they will meet a team drawn from the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament teams, this match taking place on the Club ground, King's Park, at 10.30 a. m.

The following fifteen players are requested to bring one coloured shirt and to wear white shorts:—

V. C. Bond (Club), S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.), M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.), Lt. Goodwin (R. Navy), Lt. Hook (R.A.), Lt. Cdr. Kennedy (R. Navy), R. Marques (Recreio), W. A. Reed (Club), J. Goncalves (Recreio), Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputs), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Rfm. Partha Singh (K. Rifles), L/Nk. Nersair Singh (K. Rifles), N. Whitely (Club), Lt. Woods (R. Navy).

The two umpires selected to travel to Macao with the Colony team are R. Henderson and K. Hussein.

M. C. L. CHARITY SOCCER GAME ON SATURDAY

The annual charity soccer game in aid of the M.C.L. Funds, between Royal Navy and Royal Marines, will be played on Saturday, on the Gateway Bay ground, at 4.30 p. m. The band of the Royal Marines will be in attendance.

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Malaya's Fine Rugby Win

Navy Adopt Wrong Tactics But Visiting Halves And Forwards Dominate Play

SIMPSON THE PRESIDING GENIUS: MacLENNAN'S GOOD HOOKING

(By "REFEREE")

DOMINATING THE NAVY PACK IN THE LOOSE AND IN THE LINEOUTS AND HAVING SLIGHTLY MORE OF THE BALL FROM THE SET SCRUMS, THE MALAYAN RUGBY UNION FIFTEEN YESTERDAY CONFOUNDED THEIR MOST OPTIMISTIC CRITICS WHEN THEY DEFEATED THE HITHERTO UNDEFEATED ROYAL NAVY TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT FIFTEEN BY TWO GOALS, A DROPPED-GOAL AND A TRY (17 POINTS) TO TWO TRIES (6 POINTS), AFTER AN INTERVAL LEAD OF 12 POINTS TO 3.

Presiding genius of the game was Capt. F. W. Simpson, the Malayan scrum-half, who played a superb game behind the Malayan pack, while MacLennan, hooking for the first time this series was also in fine form and made an admirable leader of the pack.

Royal Navy can be said to have defeated themselves by adopting the wrong tactics. Instead of opening out the game, Talbot and Elliot, the Navy halves, either attempted to break through on their own or to find touch instead of giving their very fast threequarters a chance.

Roualle and McCall, Malaya's second row forwards, were packing much lower than on last Saturday and as a result the Malayan pack more than held their own, especially when they were playing only seven forward and packing three-four, when they pushed the Navy pack all over the field. Malaya dominated the lineouts where Roualle, the two McCalls, McBride, Mackenzie and McHugh shone, jumping for the ball and heeling quickly.

The transformation of the Malayan pack, from last Saturday's sluggish heeling to a quick heeling pack was amazing, while the wing forwards, Mackenzie and McHugh were in brilliant fettle, breaking away quickly to nip many Navy movements in the bud at the outset.

EWART DISAPPOINTS

Ewart, Malaya's stand-off-half, was very disappointing in the first half when he dropped and fumbled many passes, but he made amends in the closing stages with some good work in opening out play in addition to placing the issue beyond doubt with a grand snap try, the result of clever anticipation and a safe pair of hands. This was when he intercepted a pass from Talbot to Elliot five yards from the Navy goal line to score between the posts.

Navy's back division, with the exception of Skelton, was very poor. Stevens, at full-back, was very slow, while Thomas and Spittle, the wing threequarters, rarely came into the picture being grassed long before they could gain much ground.

ASKWITH ERRATIC

Askwith lived up to his reputation as one of the fastest men here and scored both Navy's tries, but he was very erratic at times when he passed forward and fumbled passes which might quite conceivably have led to scores.

Skelton was the only Navy back to display anything like true form. He took the ball on the run and paved the way for Navy's opening try with a brilliant cut through before sending Askwith over.

Talbot and Elliot were a bitter disappointment yesterday.

True, Talbot did not see as much of the ball as he had hoped to but when he did get his fingers to it, his ser-

YESTERDAY'S GAME BY THE CLOCK

7th Simpson dropped goal from 30 yards to give Malaya lead (4-0).
11th Skelton brilliantly cut through to send Askwith over but Elliot failed to convert (4-3).
14th Simpson nearly over then Elliot relieved with kick.
20th Pierce nearly away but dropped ball.
21st Malaya increased lead when ball travelled from Simpson to Mackenzie via Ewart and Bourne, Mackenzie failed to convert (7-3).
25th Ewart forced his way through Navy pack but smothered one yard from Navy's line—short scrum.
26th MacLennan off field with nail in boot.
29th Simpson sent long pass to Ewart who transferred to Craigie, but latter threw away golden opportunity by hanging onto ball instead of sending Bourne over.
30th MacLennan back on field.
32nd Malaya pressed and from loose maul Pierce dribbled ball over Navy's line after Stevens had fumbled in attempting to gather. Mackenzie just converted (12-3).
INTERVAL MALAYA 12 NAVY 3

Second-Half
8th Elliot through but pass to Askwith was fumbled by latter.
11th Spittle went through, but Roualle relieved with great tackle and McCall found touch.
10th Navy forwards up in loose dribble, Hardwicke went down on ball and put knee out of commission. Left field. Mackenzie as right-wing threequarter and Craigie went to full-back, Malaya packing three-four.
20th Navy pressed and Askwith pounced on loose ball which bounced away from Proctor to score wide of posts, Elliot failed to convert (12-6).
23rd Hardwicke returned to field with knee bandaged and Malayan team resumed proper positions.
24th Talbot penalised for lying on ball, but Mackenzie hit post above cross bar from 45 yards near touchline.
27th Ewart brilliantly intercepted pass from Talbot to Elliot five yards from Navy goal line to score between posts, Mackenzie converted (17-6).
33rd Talbot again penalised, for picking ball out of second row of Navy scrum, but Mackenzie just failed to kick goal.

FINAL SCORE: MALAYA 17 ROYAL NAVY 6

vice was very poor in comparison to former performances. He attempted too much on his own and should have tried to open out play much more than he did. His passes were often wild. Elliot kicked well, and on one or two rare occasions cut through only to delay his pass a fraction too long. His form recently has been most disappointing.

BETTER BALANCED?

Navy's pack were perhaps the better balanced of the two, but



Jumping for the ball during a lineout in last Saturday's Rugby match between the Malayan Rugby Union fifteen and the Club. L. to R. are A. H. Harding, K. W. Salter (Club), H. I. MacLennan, K. A. Watson (Club), P. O. McCall, D. McBride, J. F. M. Roualle and R. W. McCall. ("China Mail" photo).

Staples was no match for MacLennan and Malaya's backs saw more of the ball. In the loose Malaya were always on top, splendid backing up being an outstanding feature.

Thatcher, Hain, Darling and Griffiths were the pick of Navy's pack but little was seen of Anderson, which was very surprising considering his season's form.

Malaya were forced to make several changes in their team through an injury to Richardson, their right-centre threequarter, who was unable to play. Bourne was taken out of the pack and positioned as right wing threequarter with Craigie as a centre, while Harding was brought into the pack as the middle-of-the-back-row, Mackenzie assuming his proper role of a wing-forward.

The game was very fast and furious and Malaya were again handicapped by the temporary absence of Hardwicke, in the second half, when he put his knee joint out and retired for 13 minutes.

Malaya's back division was fairly sound although actually made up of two forwards and two backs. Pierce made an excellent debut and although appearing to be on the slow side, was actually quite fast off the mark and backed up any loose movement splendidly, scoring a good try as a result.

Craigie was conspicuous for his fine defence, but threw away a golden scoring opportunity once when he hung onto the ball instead of passing to his winger.

Malaya thoroughly deserved their victory and object—keeping the ball tight—and at no time, except perhaps in the first 10 minutes looked like going under to the Navy.

Malayan R. U.:—J. L. B. Hardwicke; P. W. Bourne, A. P. Craigie, Lt. J. E. P. Pierce, Lt. J. H. Proctor; J. W. Ewart, Capt. F. W. Simpson; D. McBride, H. I. MacLennan, R. W. McCall; P/O. McCall, J. F. M. Roualle; J. M. McHugh, H. A. Harding, I. F. Mackenzie.

Royal Navy:—Pay. Lt. Stevens (Kent); F. O. Thomas (Eagle), P. O. Askwith (Dainty), Lt. Skelton (Grampus), Pay. Lt. Spittle (Suffolk); Lt. W. Elliot (Eagle), Lt. Talbot (Otis); Lt. Sea, Romans (Eagle), Supt. Staples (Eagle), A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); S. Lt. (A) Hain (Eagle), Lt. Roddington (Rover); Lt. Darling (Rover), Lt. Grimthorpe (Metway), Lt. Anderson (Olympus).

SHANGHAI INTERPORT RUGBY TEAM COMMENTS

Shanghai, To-day.

The Shanghai Interport Rugby team, as selected, according to local sporting circles, represents a very well-balanced side and if not quite as strong as previous Shanghai fifteens, there is no reason to believe it won't do as well in the Colony.

The pack is more than useful and Hong Kong may find it is up against a set of very determined forwards.

Spectators who watched the Club first-fifteen, which is almost the same side as the Shanghai team, against the Combined Services' team about a month ago, commented on how magnificently the forwards played, and that if the same form can be produced against the Colony, local sporting circles declare there is little doubt that the home team will be hard put to get their backs moving.

In recent weeks Shanghai's backs have played well, but their general inertia in rounding out movements has cost them many points.

That they have the ability to play first Class rugger is not doubted, but unless they decide put to their best foot forward from the start they may find themselves in several tight spots.

The Shanghai team is due to leave for the Colony on Sunday morning in the S.S. Taisang. They are expected to return either on February 24 or 25.—Reuter.

The Shanghai team is:—W. H. B. Rigg (full back), P. J. A. Innes, A. G. White, I. F. Aucott and I. M. Hutchison (three-quarters), G. M. Mills and R. Laird (halves), W. D. Pearson, J. F. Burford, R. A. O. Mayne, R. P. J. Stewart, R. U. Reynolds, G. H. Reynolds, J. R. M. Warner, and A. M. Kennedy (Captain) (forwards).
Reserves:—T. J. M. Martin, and R. H. Roe.

Eva Turner In Studio Song Recital

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105. Played by the Prague String Quartet.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—George Scott Wood (Piano-Accordian) & His Six Swingers. Meet The Boys—Fox-Trot; Sammy Saxophone—Fox-Trot..... Scott Wood & His Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus.

Stars Over Devon (Egan); Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir).....George Scott Wood assisted by Guitar, Bass & Drums.

Hot Pie—Part 1—Quickstep; Part 2—Slow Fox-Trot..... Scott Wood & His Six Swingers.

In A Little Gypsy Tea Room (Burke); Lulu's Back In Town (film 'Broadway Gondolier')..... George Scott Wood assisted by Guitar, Bass & Drums.

Evergreens Of Jazz.....Scott Wood & His Six Swingers.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra with Joan Cross (Soprano) and Raymond Newell (Baritone).

Les Sylphides (Cussans, arr. Lotter); Moontime (Collins).....The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crea.

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Say That You Will Not Forget (film 'Forget me not')..... Joan Cross (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Dreaming—Waltz (Joyce); The Druid's Prayer—Waltz (Davson).....The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by William E. Pethers.

Let Me Love You To-night (Waller & Tunbridge); Here's To Life (Talbot & Atkinson).....Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Mandelay (Kipling & Willeby)..... Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Lightning Switch (Alford).....The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crea.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Silvery Moon And Golden Sands; Quickstep—You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; Rumba—When Babin's Plays A Rumba;

Tango—Lonely Troubadour..... Henry Jacques & His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Swing, Swing, Dear Mother-In-Law; The Lady Who Couldn't Be Kissed (film 'The Singing Marine').....George Elrick & His Swing Music Makers.

Tangos—Se Lo Llevaron; La Punalada.....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Sixty Seconds Got To-

gether; Goodbye To Summer..... Carroll Gibbons & The Savoy Hotel Orpheans with Vocal Chorus.

Tango—Tu Sals..... Henry King & His Hotel Pierre Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Tango—Jalousie.....Xavier Cugat & His Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Orch. Fox-Trots—Goodnight To You All; The Trouble With Me Is You (film 'With Love and Kisses').....George Elrick & His Swing Music Makers.

6.43 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—'Ghosts Of London'. A new series of musical memories written by Wilfrid Rooke Ley. Music selected by Mark H. Lubbock. The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra, Leader—Tate Gilder, conducted by Stanford Robinson.

7.40 p.m.—London Relay—'To Talk of Many Things'. 'Sharks Permitting' by Robert Gibbins.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Dohnanyi—Wedding Waltz. Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Professor H. Abendroth.

8.10 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Eva Turner (Soprano) with Lindsay A. Lafford at the Piano.

1. Chide me, if thou wilt ('Don Giovanni')—Mozart).

2. Grant Oh Love ('Marriage of Figaro')—Mozart).

3. I forget what I am ('Marriage of Figaro')—Mozart).

.....Eva Turner accomp. by Lindsay A. Lafford.

4. Piano Interlude.

.....Lindsay A. Lafford.

5. Voi che Sapete ('Marriage of Figaro')—Mozart).

6. Saper Vorreste ('Un Ballo in Maschera')—Verdi).

7. Libiamo ('La Traviata')—Verdi).

.....Eva Turner accomp. by Lindsay A. Lafford.

11 p.m.—Close down.

London Relay: Ghosts of London: Kentucky Minstrels

8.30 p.m.—Beatrice Harrison (Cello). Sarabande (Handel).....with Organ accomp. by Herbert Dawson. Melody (Dawson); Serenade ('Hassan')—Delius).....with Piano accomp. by Margaret Harrison.

8.40 p.m.—London Relay—'Empire Exchange'. Points of view by travellers from the Dominions & Colonies.

8.55 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra. Danse Des Apaches (Cuthbert Clarke).

Glow Worm Idyll (Lincke).

Serenade (Pierne).....String Ensemble.

Salut D'Amour (Elgar).

Parade Of The Tin Soldiers (Jessel).

Policeman's Holiday (Ewing).

9.15 p.m.—Duets by Dora Labbette (Soprano) and Hubert Elsdell (Tenor).

Very Own Pierrette (Rex. Allingham); The Keys Of Heaven (arr. Broadwood & Maitland).....with Piano.

Moon-Enchanted (Dowdon & Besley); Love's Old Sweet Song (Bingham & Molloy).....with J. H. Square Celeste Octet.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

'Tulip Time'—Selection (Sievier & Wark); 'Please, Teacher'—Selection (Waller & Tunbridge).....New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocalists.

10 p.m.—London Relay—The Kentucky Minstrels. A Black-faced Minstrel Show devised and produced by Harry S. Pepper. Bones, Tambourines, Corner Men, Crack Banjo Team, Stump Speech, Old and New Melodies. Among the artists taking part will be Scott & Whaley, and Harry S. Pepper and Doris Arnold will be at the pianos. The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra and Male Voice Chorus conducted by Leslie Woodgate. Orchestral arrangements by Wally Wallond. Music arranged by Doris Arnold. Book written and remembered by C. Denier Warren.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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♠ A x x
♥ K J x x
♦ x x x
♣ K x x

The bidding went:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Burnstone
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
(7)			

ANSWER: Your correct response is one heart. Partner will rebid unless his hand is woefully weak. Then you can take appropriate second-round action. Many players feel that since they have passed a hand of this strength, their first response must be a jump to two notrump. But there really is no need for this bid. You can bid one heart and still get to notrump later.

Score 100% for one heart, 70% for two notrump, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 18

Your partner, Merwin Maier, is the dealer. Neither side is vulnerable and you hold:

♠ K x x x
♥ x x x
♦ A Q x x
♣ x x

The bidding goes:

Maier	Schenken	You	Burnstone
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	5♥	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer Monday)

TO-DAY'S HAND

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K 8 2
♥ K 8 7 5 4 3
♦ 9 7 6
♣ 9 8 6 5

W E
S N

♠ A K Q J 10 2
♥ 7 6 3
♦ A K Q 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Can you, as the South player, immediately spot the possible end-play that may develop when West opens the Jack of diamonds against your four-spade contract? Obviously, if clubs break, your contract is home; if not—well South trumped the diamond lead, played four rounds of trumps then his three top clubs. Now the possible end-play had become a sure thing. South played his last club, throwing East on lead. With only hearts and diamonds left, East laid down the diamond Ace, praying that Declarer would trump. However, South nonchalantly discarded a heart and now, no matter what East played, all he could win was the heart Ace.

We believe that this hand illustrates an easy end-play that should be recognized by any fair card-player.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—"Divorce of Lady X". What happens when a beautiful girl walks into a strange man's hotel suite, steals his bed, pyjamas, book and incidentally his heart, and then leads him a merry chase by vanishing without leaving her name. The cast includes Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier, Binnie Barnes, Ralph Richardson and Morton Seltan.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Naughty Marietta", with Nelson Eddy and Jeannette MacDonald. An old picture but worth seeing again.

AT THE KING'S—"The Shopworn Angel", with Margaret Sullivan and James Stewart and Walter Pidgeon—a story of a girl who gave up a million to be a soldier's dream girl.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"If I Were King", with Ronald Colman, Frances Dee, C. V. France, Henry Wilcoxon, Stanley Ridger and Ralph Forbes. This picture is outstanding for Colman's spirited and believable portrayal of the poetic rogue who became ruler of France for one glorious week, for its pulsing love story of a vagabond and a royal princess.

AT THE STAR—"Adventures of Tom Sawyer". Mark Twain's immortal classic brilliantly produced in technicolour, bringing to the screen the newest juvenile sensation, Tommy Kelly. The cast includes Jackie Moran, as Huckleberry Finn, May Robson, Walter Brennan, Victor Jory and Cora Sue Collins.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Arizona Mahoney", with Joe Cook, Robert Cummings, June Martel, Larry Crabbe and Marjorie Gateson. A hilarious comedy in which three lovers are surrounded by a rival bandit and the rescue in which an elephant plays a great part.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, 14 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1939, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting of the Company convened for that day shall have terminated for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing a resolution as a special resolution altering in certain respects the Articles of Association of the Company.

Full particulars of such proposed alterations have been sent out to shareholders by post. A copy of the proposed special resolution giving details can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. L. McKENZIE,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1939.

HONG KONG
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SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at ST. JOHN'S PLACE (opposite the lower Peak Tram Station) on THURSDAY, the 9th March, 1939, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and FRIDAY, the 10th March, 1939, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ENTRIES WILL DEFINITELY CLOSE at the Hon. Secretary's office, Stock Exchange Building, Ice House Street, at noon on THURSDAY, the 2nd March, 1939, but intending exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

MEMBERS who have not yet paid their subscriptions and ALL THOSE who wish to join the Society are requested to send \$5.00 to the undersigned.

J. T. BAGRAM,
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 4th. February to THURSDAY, 16th. February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th. February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 13th. February to SATURDAY, the 25th. February, 1939, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th. February, 1939.

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SHARP DEBATE ON S. AFRICAN NATIONAL HYMN

Capetown, To-day.

In the South African Union Parliament, the motion of the leader of the Nationalists, Dr. Malan, that the song "Stem Van Suid Africa" should be made the national anthem, was debated yesterday.

Dr. Malan based his motion on the view of his party that no other song was so expressive of the sentiment of all white peoples in the country now well on the way to evolution of its own national individuality.

Mr. Struttford moved an amendment expressing regret that the national hymn should be made a matter of party strife.

The Prime Minister, General Hertzog, opposed Dr. Malan's motion, declaring that it had been purposely submitted to Parliament to emphasise the differences among the white population. The Government would never admit that Africans-speaking people of South Africa had treated others unfairly. — Trans-Ocean.

Mr. B. W. Simmons, of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, has reported that between 3.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. yesterday, his motor car No. 644 was stolen while parked at the Statue Square.

PLANES WARN KULING

Shanghai, To-day.

Some alarm is felt here concerning the situation in the Kuling area, as a result of a report that Japanese aeroplanes dropped hand-bills over the mountain resort yesterday, warning of the imminence of an attack on the Chinese troops in the hill.

The original ultimatum, warning all foreigners to leave and of non-responsibility for danger to foreign life in bombing raids, expires on Friday. — Trans-Ocean.

See Page Five.

SKELETON KEYS IN ROBBERY

Two unemployed, Tsui Man, 33, and Yuen Wong, 27, were this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy with housebreaking.

Mr. K. F. Wong, manager of the Chow Ngai Factory at Pak Po Street, said accused stolen a quantity of piecegoods from the factory. They broke the glass in the front door, used skeleton keys to open the inside doors. Goods, valued about \$1,150, were found at Kowloon City. Defendants were sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Second defendant was also sentenced to six months' hard labour for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

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